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EDUCATION SHAKE-UP BY JOSEPH

Exam reform and parent power

By JOHN IZBICKI Education Correspondent

WIDE-RANGING changes in education designed to give parents more influence, improve teaching and discipline and reform the examination system were outlined by Sir Keith Joseph, Education Secretary, yesterday.

In a 95-page White Paper, Sir Keith praised the work of most teachers but said that a "significant number" continued to perform at standards below those needed to reach their goals.

He proposes to extend his powers "in appropriate circumstances" to require local authorities "regularly to appraise the performance of their teachers."

The White Paper was given a mixed reception.

But after it was published one teachers' union leader described Sir Keith as "the most radical and important Secretary of State since Rab Butler," who produced the 1944 Education Act.

Wordsworth and word-processing

Sir Keith—who told MPs last night that he wanted schools to teach Wordsworth and word-processing and "build on Britain's values and traditions and on its ethnic diversity"—proposes:

1 To legislate for a reform of school governing bodies to give parents a major—though not majority—voice and prevent local authorities packing boards with party political representatives.

2 To introduce a system of grants specifically for local authorities to spend on better in-service training for teachers. Until now, authorities have been requested to spend such grants on specific purposes but not forced to do so.

3 To introduce a new examination to replace O-levels and the CSE and give very every child a chance to reach required standards in accordance with ability and promote a proper measurement of achievement based on what candidates know, understand and can do.

4 To introduce another new examination, the Advanced Supplementary (AS) level which will allow sixth-formers to broaden their knowledge with science candidates to take arts subjects and arts candidates to study science subjects.

It will be worth half an A-level and take up half as much study time. The qualification has already been recognised by higher education institutions for admission purposes alongside A-levels.

Sir Keith also intends to improve the curriculum so that subjects are more closely geared to the neds of society and the world of work.

He also proposes to tackle the growing problems of indiscipline and truancy.

In an exclusive interview with THE DAILY TELEGRAPH, Sir Keith said yesterday that a minority of parents failed to value education, possibly because they had not benefited from it themselves.

"As a result they don't do the things that children and schools need if they are to function properly—they don't read to their children, they don't talk to their children, they don't encourage their children to try at school. They don't support the school and in extreme cases connive at truancy," he said.

Mr Peter Smith, deputy general secretary of the 95,000-strong Assistant Masters and Mistresse Aociation, said last night: "History will show Sir Keith Joseph to have been the most radical and important Secretary of State since Rab Butler."

But, he added, history might also show Sir Keith as having committed "one critical error" by suggesting that the education service would be improved "despite teachers rather than because of them."

Claiming that the teaching unions were already in fundamental agreement with teacher appraisal, Mr Smith said: "One would wish Sir Keith wasn't so frequently the midwife who supervised the abortion of consensus."

'Fewer basic resources'

Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the 255,000-member National Union of Teachers, welcomed the White Paper's section on examinations, in-service training and school governors but deplored "the fact that Sir Keith expects teachers to do far more with fewer basic resources." This he said, "defied belief."

The general secretary of the 127,000-strong Schoolmasters and Women Teachers union, Mr Fred Smithies, warned Sir Keith that the changes he seeks and "which we all agree are necessary," could not be achieved without the necessary cash.

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The Queen accompanied by President Eanes of Portugal on her arrival in Lisbon yesterday at the start of her four-day State visit. Report—P19.

12 DIE IN BISCAY STORM

By GERALD BARTLETT

THE captain and seven sail-training cadets were missing, feared drowned, and another youth died on a liferaft yesterday, after their tall ship, Pirata, capsized and sank in mountainess seas in the Bay of Biscay.

A 100ft. twin-masted schooner she was sailing under storm canvas when an immense wave threw her on her side off Estaca de Bares, Spain, and overwhelmed her in seconds, according to survivors' reports.

Two cadets and the captain's wife, Mrs Barbra Heusser, were snatched from 40ft waves by the crew of a Basque fishing boat, the Andra Mari. They were due to be landed at La Coruna late last night.

A further four were feared to have died in Biscay when the 75ft West German motor yacht, Bium, sank off Ribadesella, near Gijon, in northern Spain.

The Biscay emergency began late on Monday as a series of depressions swept across the north Spanish coast. The wooden-built Pirata was sailing from Falmouth to Setubal with 10 Swiss cadets, and the German captain and his wife.

JOBS TO GO AT EXPRESS NEWSPAPERS

Express Newspapers, shortly expected to be the subject of a takeover bid by United Newspapers, has announced plans for a "manning review" in editorial departments to shed nearly 40 jobs.

The group is understood to be seeking a reduction of 12 editorial jobs on the DAILY EXPRESS in London and 18 on the EXPRESS in Manchester. A further eight jobs on the DAILY STAR are also said to be at risk, although the cutback could not be confirmed by the company yesterday. No agreement has been reached with the National Union of Journalists.

On Monday a takeover bid for Fleet Holdings, the Express parent group, was announced by United Newspapers, owners of Punch, the Yorkshire post and other regional newspapers, so long as approval for the move is given by Mr Tebbit, Trade and Industry Secretary.

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TRANSPORT BILL 'GUILLOTINE'

By Our Political Staff

Mr Biffen, Leader of the Commons, is expected to announce tomorrow that the Government plans to guillotine proceedings on its Transport Bill, which opens up bus services outside London to private competition.

The standing committee of MPs considering the Bill moved into its second all-night sitting last night.

Moscow defends 'tragic' shooting

By NIGEL WADE in Moscow

MOSCOW yesterday called the killing of an American army officer by a Russian guard in East Germany "tragic" and "regrettable," but said the sentry "had to" shoot.

Responsibility for the incident "lies fully on the American side, which is now circulating a deliberately false version of what happened," said the official Soviet news agency, Tass.

The Tas acount was the first Sovet press raeference to the shooting, 43 hours earlier, of Maj. Arthur Nicholson, who was attached to the United States military liaison mission which was set up n East Germany after the 1939-45 war.

Tass said a Soviet sentry guarding military equipment on a Soviet military nstallation discovered a stranger wearing

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camouflage gear who had secretly approached a storage building, opened a window and taken pictures.

"Acting in strict compliance with military regulatons, the sentry demanded n Rusian and German that the stranger stop. When the latter failed to comply and tried to flee, the sentry fired a warning shot in the air.

"Since the introudre did not stop even after this, the sentry had to use his weapon. He fired and killed the intruder."

Tass said: "The tragic outcome of what happened is regrettable." But it accused the United States of a flagrant violation of a 1947 agreement on military liaison missions. The Soviet Embassy in Washington had lodged a strong protest.

Western diplomats said the Tass account was unyielding on Moscow's version of events, but its use of the words "tragic" and "regrettable" suggested the Kremlin leadership did not want the affair to disrupt hopes for an improvement in Soviet-American relations.

Diplomats said Mr Borbachev, the new Kremlin leader, would have to appear to be "standing up to the Americans," while at the same time avoiding damage

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RUSSIA BUGS U.S. EMBASSY SECRETS

By Our Washington Staff

The Russians were able to monitor highly classified American documents through tiny tarnsmitting devices hidden in typewriters in the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, officials said yesterday.

For more than a year up to 1984, the "bugs" were able to transmit what was being written to receivers embedded in the Embassy walls, which re-transmitted it to antenpae on nearby buildings.

Officials said the "bugs" might still be in use had the embassy not been tipped off by a friendly government which had been subjected to a similar eavesdropping attempt.

No. 10 PLANS BATCH OF LIFE PEERS

By NICHOLAS COMFORT Political Staff

CREATION of a new batch of "working peers" to strengthen both the Government and Opposition teams in the House of Lords is expected to be announced from Downing Street within the next fortnight.

Mrs Thatcher has agreed to further life peerages being created in response to appeals from Labour that its own contingent in the Upper House is becoming too sparse and elderly to function as an effective Opposition.

But she has stuck to her customary insistence that as fresh peerages for the Opposition alone would upset the balance in the Lords, a larger number of Conservatives should be appointed to maintain it.

The Liberals and the SDP as well as Labour, are understodd to have submitted nominations for life peerages to Downing Street. Up to now Mrs Thatcher has agreed to the ennoblement of the occasional Liberal, but has offered the Social Democrats nothing.

The sie of the new list of life peers will hinge on how successful Mr Kinnock has been in persuading Mrs Thatcher to accept his nominations, most of which are of Labour MPs unseated at the last election.

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ARSON CHARGE

Sixteen-year-old youth accused in connection with arson attack which caused £250,000 worth of damage to St Mary's Church, Penzance, Cornwall. Youth is due to appear before Penwith magistrates tomorrow.

BRUNO WINS

(Ken Mays—P34)

Frank Bruno beat Lucien Rodriguez in the first round of heavyweight fight at Wembley Arena last night.

300 held in Cape protest

By Christopher Munnion in Johannesburg

MORE than 300 people, including several church leaders, were arrested in Cape Town yesterday during a demonstration of sympathy for the 19 blacks shot dead by police in Langa township last week.

A multi-racial crowd was marching to present a five-point protest about township violence to Parliament, when police intervened and told them the gathering was illegal.

When most of the marchers decided to ignore the warning, police reinforcements arrived and violent scuffles broke out as demonstrators were bundled into police vans.

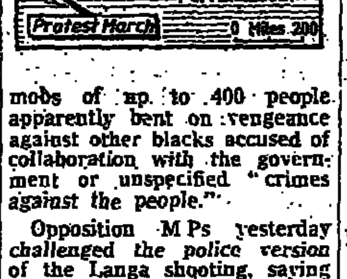
Memorial service

Among those arrested were the Rev. Allan Boesak, president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, and Dr Beyers Naude, secretary-general of the South African Council of Churches.

Many of those arrested refused to pay £25 bail and elected to spend the night in cells. Earlier, most of the demonstraters had attended a memorial service in a Cape Town Methodist church.

Mr Boesak and Dr Naude had been refused permission to enter the troubled townships of Langa and Kwanobuhle in the Eastern Cape where 52 people have died violently since last Thursday.

Police used tear gas on six occasions to break up roaming



mobs of up to 400 people apparently bent on vengeance against other blacks accused of collaboration with the government or unspecified "crimes against the people."

Opposition MPs yesterday challenged the police version of the Langa shooting, saying they had sworn affidavits that the police had opened fire without warning on an unarmed funeral procession.

Police have said that they were surrounded by a mob carrying sticks, stones and petrol bombs and opened fire in self-defence after warning shots had been ignored.

RECORD FLOW OF FOREIGN BUSINESS

By Our Business Correspondent

A record number of 285 foreign firms decided to set up operations in Britain or expand existing businesses last year, creating 28,125 jobs and safeguarding another 18,000, Mr Tebbit, Trade and Industry Secretary, said yesterday.

He told the London launch of a campaign to encourage more foreign firms to move to Britain that foreign investment last year totalled almost £5 billion.

"We are regarded as the preferred location in Europe for inward investment by both American and Japanese firms," he added.

NEVER DIAL & DRIVE

Motorists with cellular car telephones were advised yesterday not to "dial and drive." Mrs Lynda Chalker, Transport Minister, said in a Commons written reply that drivers with in-car telephones should pull over and stop before making or receiving a call.

Today's Weather

GENERAL SITUATION: Cold N. airflow will cover the country.

LONDON, S.E. ENGLAND, E. ANGLIA, CHANNEL IS: Rather cloudy, little drizzle in places. Sunny intervals developing with scattered showers, wintry at times. Wind N.W. moderate. Max 46F 8C).

CEN. S. AND S.W. ENGLAND, S. WALES: Sunny intervals, scattered showers, wintry at times. Wind N.W. moderate. 46F (8C).

E., N.W., CEN. N., N.E. ENGLAND, N. WALES, ISLE OF MAN: Sunny intervals, wintry showers. Wind N.W. moderate or fresh. 43F (6C).

S. NORTH SEA: Wind force 4 N.E. backing N.W. 6-7. Sea slight becoming rough.

STRAIT OF DOVER, ENG. CH. (E.): N. 5 to 6-7. Moderate to rough.

ST. GEORGE'S CH., IRISH SEA: N. 6-7 becoming 4. Rough, becoming slight.

OUTLOOK: Sunny spells, wintry showers.

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Miners reject levy to help sacked men

By DAVID GRAVES

MINERS have voted against the idea of a 50p-a-week levy to support the 620 men sacked during the year-long strike. The result of the pithead ballot was: 50,429 (46 per cent.) in favour, and 58,721 (54 per cent.) against.

Only 109,150, less than 60 per cent. of the 186,000 men entitled to vote, took part in the ballot, which resulted in the fourth rebuff for Mr Scargill and his Left-wing colleagues in a national poll since he won the presidency of the union in 1981.

The result was interpreted as a vote of no confidence in the NUM executive's proposal to continue the dispute over pit closures despite ending the strike.

It will inevitably add to the pressure on the 24-man NUM executive to call for an end to the 16-month overtime ban at tomorrow's crucial meeting in Sheffield.

Mr Scargill was in Moscow when the result was announced having discussions with Soviet miners' leaders, which drew protests from Mr Ted MacKay, moderateleader of the North Wales miners, who said the visit was "deplorable."

Mr Scargill flew home last night.

Tactical mistake

The majority against the levy would have been even greater had the three main moderate areas, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire and South Derbyshire, not boycotted the ballot.

Voting figures for individual areas were not available, but the barometer coalfields of North Derbyshire and Lancashire were understood to have voted against.

Miners in North Yorkshire were also thought to have cast their votes 60-40 against, and men in the Selby coalfield also rejected the idea.

The ballot had been regarded

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£ CREEPS UP TO $1·1812

By CLIFFORD GERMAN Financial Correspondent

CONTINUING worries about the American banking system depressed the dollar and allowed the pound to gain another 1·1 cents yesterday to close at $1·1812 in London.

Sterling also rose ½ pfennig to DM3·79½, but its average value against all leading currencies closed unchanged on balance at 75·7 per cent.

The interest rate outlook showed little change and government securities ewre dull, but share prices drifted and the FINANCIAL TIMES 30 share index fell 7·9 to 982·0.

Exports and imports both rose to record levels in February, with exports up 5½ per cent. to £6,900 million and imports up eight per cent to £7,170 million but the deficit on visible trade widened from £71 million in January to £270 million in February.

The figures were slightly disappointing but the deficit on visible trade was again covered trade including dividends and services, which is averaging an estimated £400 million a month.

The deficit on items other than oil fell last month but exports of oil fell by £107 million to £1,530 million and oil imports rose by £139 million to £847 million. The past three months total export volume is 8½ per cent. u pon the same period a year ago and export prices are 10 per cent. higher.

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BRAZIL LEADER'S THIRD OPERATION

By Our São Paulo Correspondent

Brazil's ailing President-elect yesterday underwent surgery for internal bleeding after two earlier emergency operations, raising fears for his survival and the political stability of Latin America's largest nation.

Senhor Tancredo Neves, 75, first underwent surgery for a rare complaint, similar to appendicitis, on the ever of his inauguration on March 15 as Brazil's first civilian leader in 20 years.

Picture—P4

TRIDENT JOBS

By Our Parliamentary Staff

The Trident missile programme is expected to lead to an extra 30,000 jobs during its peak year, Mr Adam Butler Defence Procurement Minister told the Commons yesterday.

U.S. and EEC 'cash aid for Irish peace'

By JAMES WIGHTMAN Political Correspondent

SIR Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary, has expressed support for the possibility of the EEC and the United States providing backing for any agreement on Northern Ireland arising out of the present Anglo-Irish talks.

He did so in an interview with the Dublin-based IRISH TIMES amid continuing controversy over the British Government's talks with the Irish Government about Ulster.

Dublin visit

The report of the interview said that the Irish Government was believed to have suggested to Britain a Marshall Aid-type plan, with funding from America and the EEC countries, "to support a major initiative on Northern Ireland and also to provide an external guarantee to under-pin an Anglo-Irish agreement."

Sir Geoffrey was quoted as saying: "It will be some time yet before we know whether the discussions which have been taking place will lead to practical results, and, if they do, I'm sure we would hope that our partners in the community and elsewhere would look favourably on any such practical results."

Sir Geoffrey and Mr Hurd, Northern Ireland Secretary, went to Dublin last Friday for talks with Irish ministers.

Two days later there were reports in some newspapers that the Prime Minister was moving towards an historic agreement with the Dublin Government about the future of Northern Ireland. But 10 Downing St immediately reacted with the comment that the reports were "grossly overblown."

BIFFEN PLEDGE
'Constitution safe'

Mr Biffen, Leader of the Commons, last night answered Ulster Unionist fears by restating the Government's commitment to the constitutional position of Northern Ireland, which had existed for more than two decades and "no more powerfully than on the lips of the Prime Minister."

Mr James Molyneaux, leader of the Official Unionists, had said that the Government's recent discussions with the Irish government might imperil pledges on the future of the province.

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CBI FEARS OF RAPID SLIDE INTO ANARCHY

By ROLAND GRIBBEN Business Correspondent

BRITAIN will suffer higher levels of unemployment and lower living standards unless there is a radical change in attitudes from the shop floor to Government, the Confederation of British Industry said yesterday.

"The pace of change is now so manifestly rapid that the decline could be speedy and possibly violent, bringing social upheaval and leaving a legacy only of decay and disruption to our children," it declared.

In human terms it would mean "distress and blighted lives for a great many more people and very much curtailed ability to be a 'caring society'."

The bleak comments are made in a discussion document produced to encourage debate among industrial leaders and produce a business strategy to cover the next decade.

The CBI hopes to unveil the "industrial manifesto" at its annual conference at Harrogate in November, and use it as a basis for talks with the Government, unions and businessmen.

'Spirit of realism'

Key economic and social questions are raised in the report, which starts from the premise that the "new spirit of realism" in the country, produced by the Government over the last five years, can provide the starting point for changes to help Britain catch up with the leaders of the industrialised world.

"A revival of enterprise has occurred, even ignoring the black economy, new and small businesses are increasing in numbers and the number of self-employed is growing rapidly," the report says.

Substantial improvements have been achieved in the fields of efficiency, quality, design and delivery dates, while trade union legislation, lower taxes and the removal of controls on prices, dividends, pay and foreign exchange movements have made the economy more flexible.

The document urges greater flexibility in the Government's medium term financial strategy to cope with the prospect of lower growth in the years ahead, and criticises the way the public sector borrowing requirement has become a "totem."

Industrialists are asked to consider whether they should campaign for Parliamentary reform that would provide a bigger business input, examine the case for proportional representation, or a Bill of Rights.

There are renewed calls for a cut in Government-imposed business costs. The recent rise in water charges is attacked as a "disguised form of taxation," while the "remorseless" growth in regulatory controls has to be checked and rolled back — if need be by a "self-denying ordinance by government."

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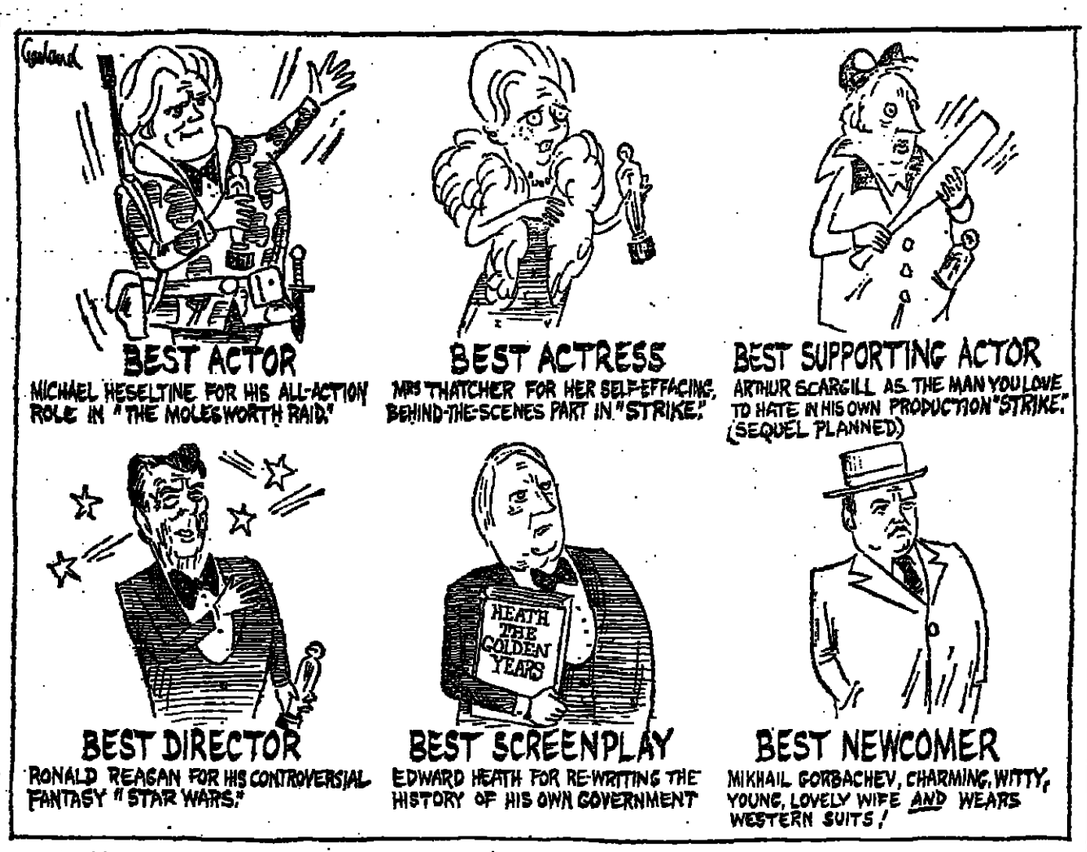

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'Sun' returns as dispute is settled

By TERENCE SHAW
Legal Correspondent

PRODUCTION of the SUN was resumed last night after settlement of the dispute which had stopped the newspaper and its stable companion, the NEWS OF THE WORLD, since Tuesday last week.

A return-to-work formula was agreed at talks on Monday between senior directors of News Group Newspapers and national and local officials of the two unions involved, Sogat 82 and the National Graphical Association.

The dispute arose over a high number of printing plate breaks which the unions regarded as a serious safety hazard but which the company claimed were due to "operator failure."

The company also believed the unrest was linked with the plans to move printing from Fleet Street to a £32 million plant at Tower Hamlets.

Joint examination

Last Sunday a High Court judge granted emergency injunctions against the unions and 10 of their officials restraining them from nducing breaches of their members contracts of employment, interfering with the publisher's business and ordering the unions to withdraw strike instructions.

Announcing the return-to-work formula, a company spokesman said the problem of plate breaks in the machine room, the original cause of the stoppage, would be the subject of joint examination by the company, Sogat and the NGA.

Settlement of the dispute was announced after a High Court judge had granted an adjournment until tomorrow of an application by Sogat and four of its officials to discharge the injunctions against them.

After a brief private hearing in the Law Courts in London, Mr Justice STUART-SMITH granted the adjournment after being told that talks on a settlement were nearing a successful conclusion. The NGA had not joined in Sogat's application to have the injunctions lifted.

In addition to the injunctions which News Group Newspapers obtained against the two unions and their officials on Sunday, it has also served writs on them claiming damages for its lost production. If the actions were successful, it could result in damages of up to £250,000 being awarded against each union.

CASH-ROW NUJ CHIEF TO RETIRE

By STEPHEN WARD
Industrial Staff

DELEGATES to the National Union of ournalists' annual conference were told yesterday that the terms agreed for the early retirement of the general secretary, Mr Ken Ashton, will cost the union £55,000.

A report from the executive read to the 400 delegates in a private session confirmed that Mr Ashton, 59, will retire on June 30. Until then he will be on paid leave.

His early departure from his job, which has a normal retiring age of 65, follows an internal inquiry into an enhanced pension negotiated by Mr Ashton and the union's finance officer, Mr Niranjan Paik.

Mr Jaik has been completely cleared and continues in his job. Mr Ashton was sent on paid leave in November, which has lasted almost continuously since.

Disciplinary proceedings within the NUJ are continuing against five lay union officials who were members of the committee which approved the enhanced pensions in late 1983.

Conflict of interest

Under the terms of the settlement with Mr Ashton passed by the NUJ executive by 14votes to six last week, he will receive a lump sum of £44,560—two years' salary—and a pension equivalent to his entitlement under the original pension arrangements had he retired at 62.

The statement read to the conference said the executive accepted that "Mr Ashton did not act with the intention of defrauding the union, nor did he defraud the union."

But he had "allowed himself to be placd in th position of having a conflict of interest between his position as general secretary and beneficiary of the proposed pension augmentation."

ELTON REPLACES AVON

By NICHOLAS COMFORT
Political Staff

LORD ELTON, 55, previously a junior Home Office minister, was yesterday promoted to Minister of State for the Environment with the brief of getting the Government's bill to abolish the GLC and the six metropolitan counties through the Lords.

He takes over from the Earl of Avon, 54, who has tendered his resignation as Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Environment on health grounds.

The Abolition Bill, which is due to complete its progress through the Commons tomorrow, is widely seen as posing considerable problems for the Government in the Lords, which last year emasculated its "Paving Bill" on the same issue.

Risky assignment

Lord Elton will have only a few weeks to prepare for his highly technical and politcally risky assignment before Peers begin consideration of the measure after the Easter recess.

Mrs Thatcher has made a couple of further changes to the ministerial team in the Lords following the departure of Lord Avon and Lord Elton's promotion. Lord Glenarthur moves from the Department of Health to become Parliamentary Under-Secretary at the Home Office and Baroness Trumpington moves from the Whips' office to become Parliamentary Under-Secretary at the Department of Health and Social Security.

News Round-up

Inmos cuts wages in attempt to save jobs

INMOS, the microchip-maker, is to cut wages and working hours by 20 per cent. to save jobs at its plant in Newport, South Wales, but the company has promised there will be no redundancies among the 900 workforce.

Plans to recruit a further 600 at a second factory in the town have been suspended after a world slump in the silicon chip market.

The cutbacks begin with the workforce taking a week-long break after the Easter Bank Holiday and a halt on full-time weekend working. Union officials say some workers could lose £100 a month.

Inmos, launched as Britain's standard bearer in computer technology with £100 million of public money, has a no-strike, one-union agreement with the electricians' union the EEPTU, and it is thought unlikely the union will oppose the plan.

Row head resting

Mr Ray Honeyford, 51, the Bradford headmaster who has been hounded by pressure groups for his views on multi-racial education, has been ordered to rest by his doctor and has stayed away from the Drummond Middle School, where 90 per cent. of the 550 boys and girls are of Asian origin.

Shopping hours reform near

The Government has decided to carry out its planned reform of the law on shopping hours in two stages, instead of tackling it in one major Bill during the new Parliamentary session which begins this autumn.

Mr Britten, Home Secretary, is preparing to announce that legislation will be brought forward in the coming session to sweep away restrictions on Sunday opening which were criticised in the recent Auld Report. But, action to simplify the law on shop opening during the week will be held back

Tighter rules for MoT car check

Drivers will have the right to watch the MoT test being conducted on their car under a tightening-up of rules governing the compulsory check on vehicles older than three years.

The changes announced by Mrs Chalker, Transport Minister, also include stricter security to prevent the theft of MoT certificates

Pay talks plea to Sir Keith

The teachers' pay deadlock might be broken if Sir Keith Joseph attended the negotiations in person, the leader of one of the two main teaching unions has suggested.

"If the Minister came himself to the Burnham Committee negotiations, instead of going in for this remote control malarkey whereby he sends his officials to vote for him and then pretends he has nothing to do with the negotiations, I think it could help," said Mr Fred Smithies, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers.

Student leader chosen

The president of the National Union of Students, Philip Woolas, 25, has been re-elected at the union's Blackpool conference.

Power bills plan

New proposals to cut the power bills of energy-intensive businesses have been put to Mr Walker, Energy Secretary, by the Central Electricity Generating Board. Mr Fred Bonner, deputy chairman, said the wholesale price of electricity sold to area boards is going up by 4½ per cent.

Drink deaths rise

Alcohol consumption had doubled in 30 years with a corresponding rise in deaths from cirrhosis of the liver, drinking and driving offences and admissions to hospitals for alcoholism, according to a survey released by the Scottish Office.

55 new jobs

ITT, the American electronics company, is to build a £10 million headquarters for its engineering support centre in Harlow, Essex, by 1987, creating 55 jobs.

QUIT CALL TO POLICE CHIEF

By STANLEY GOLDSMITH

MR KENNETH OXFORD, 60, the controversial Chief Constable of Merseyside, was yesterday asked to retire by the Left-wing police authority with whom he has been at odds for the past four years.

Mrs Margaret Simey, 79, police committee chairman, said that his failure to notify them in advance of his recent trip to a counter-terrorism conference in America was "the last straw."

Although it was disclosed that Mr Oxford was instructed to attend the conference by the Government, the committee resolved that he should "consider retiring in the interest of efficiency." They will meet to hear his answer in four weeks.

Eight members of the committee, Tories, Liberals and magistrates, voted against the decision at the end of the 90-minute private meeting. Some of them said the resolution was "pathetic" and "disgusting"

500,000 MORE CARS ON ROAD

By Our Transport Correspondent

The number of cars in Britain has risen by 546,000 in a year to 16,401,000, the Transport Department said yesterday.

Most were in the 1200 c.c.-2000 c.c. class and 47 per cent. were foreign made, up from 45 per cent. a year earlier. The figures were disclosed in the annual vehicle census and were for the year which ended last December.

PITMAN SENT FOR TRIAL OVER 1977 RAIDS

Kenneth Foulstone, 45, a haulage worker from Manton colliery who was one of the leaders of the men opposing the pit strike in Yorkshire, was sent for trial yesterday at Doncaster Crown Court accused of burglary

Foulstone, of Tuxford, near Retford, is accused of stealing property worth more than £5,000 in raids on houses in the Doncaster area between October and December 1977. Reporting restrictions were not lifted.

DECISION TO FREE TRIMBOLE 'CORRECT'

A judge's decision to free Robert Trimbole, the suspected Australian crime boss, from an Irish jail was correct, the Irish Republic's Supreme Court ruled yesterday.

The five judges agreed that the High Court had been right to order Trimbole's release from Mountjoy Jail in Dublin after more than three months in custody.

Trimbole, 53, was arrested in Dublin on Oct 25 last year and held under an anti-terrorist law.

COACH ROW ENDS

By Our Transport Correspondent

The 55-day strike which halted National Express coach services from Cardiff, Newport and Chepstow to London ended yesterday. Drivers employed by National Welsh objected to a pay and conditions deal which had been accepted by the Transport and General Workers' Union.

State profit on sale of Yarrow yard 'too big'

By JOHN PETTY Shipping Correspondent

THE former owners of the Yarrow shipyard in the Government of making an extortionate profit by selling it to General Electric Company for £34 million.

The original owners of Yarrow were paid only £6 million when the yard was nationalised in 1977. It was profitable then and has made profits of £70 million for the State in the intervening years.

The old Yarrow company is still fighting for more compensation and is pursuing its case in Common Market courts.

Conservative leaders accused Labour of giving insufficient compensation at the time of nationalisation, but refused to change the amount when the Tories came to power.

Yarrow was valued at £17 million when nationalised. Plans announced this week to sell the yard to G E C "further illustrate the injustice which Yarrow and its many shareholders have suffered at the hands of successive governments,' said a statement by the company now known as Yarrow Public.

Union leaders also attacked the deal, claiming it breached an agreement with British Shipbuilders that they would get three weeks to reach a deal with any buyer before the sale was concluded.

"Mr Tebbit and his gang of cut-throats have sold us like a flock of sheep," said Mr Douglas Conroy, convener of the Yarrow shop stewards.

DARTMOOR DEAL

Renewal of the seven-year licence to use parts of Dartmoor for military training has been agreed between the Defence Ministry and the Duchy of Cornwall. After 1991 the Duchy will wish to consider if live firing should continue.

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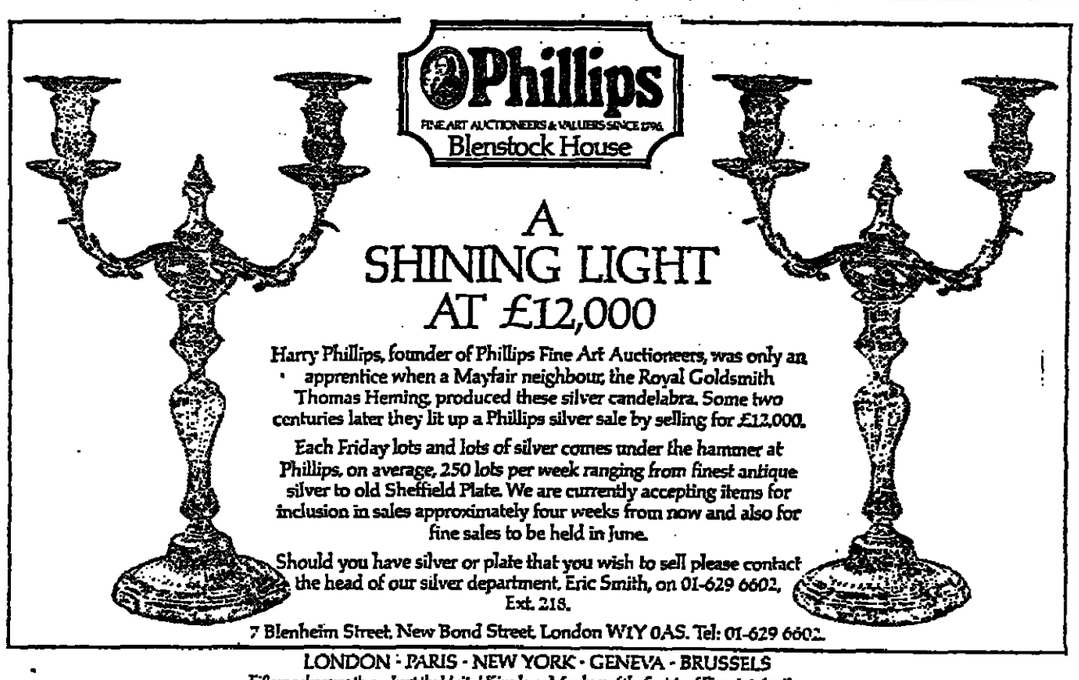

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SCRIPTURE CLUE DESTROYED EVIL IN THE CHAPEL

By GEORGE TURNBULL

A HOMOSEXUAL Methodist minister who mutilated the bodies of male corpses as they lay in their coffins in his tiny Welsh chapel the night before burial was jailed for four years yesterday.

The hideous secret of 62-year-old EMYR OWEN — "enough to turn the stomach," a judge said — only came to light when he started writing poison pen letters, and a dogged detective identified the handwriting through the inscription on a New Testament given to a parishioner by Owen.

Owen had been minister of Bethel Calvanist chapel in the little resort of Tywyn — between Aberystwyth and Barmouth — since 1976.

Between September and December last year police were investigating a spate of poison pen letters in the area, Chester Crown Court was told yesterday by Mr HUW DANIEL, prosecuting.

One, sent to an elderly woman with an ailing husband, threatened to murder one of her grandchildren.

"Tell your daughter-in-law to watch the little filthy bastard she has in the house," it said.

A feature of the handwriting was an unusual letter "T". Det. Con. GWYN ROBERTS examined between 5,000 and 6,000 writing specimens from local people.

"As a result of his hard work and dedication to his job he was rewarded, eventually, by a stroke of luck," said Mr Daniel. "On December 19, he was shown a New Testament with writing on the inside cover which he immediately recognised."

Det. Con. Gwyn Roberts — studied 6,000 handwriting samples.

It had been given by Owen to a local farmer after his confirmation. Three days before Christmas the 41-year-old detective went to see Owen at his terraced manse in Maethlon Close.

Owen at first said: "May the good Lord strike you dead. I have not written such letters, never." But then he owned up.

"Whilst I threatened to kill the granddaughter, obviously I had no intention of carrying out this threat, or of in any way harming the child. I am at a total loss why I sent these letters — a total loss," he confessed.

Mr Daniel said Det. Con. Roberts's instincts told him there was "something very peculiar" in the house, and Owen gave him permission to search.

The detective found a mass of literature and pictures involving sadism and masochism, and, in a box of photographic slides, he discovered a picture of a man's severed genitals.

Owen claimed it was post mortem slide, but then admitted that he had taken it himself, and produced knives and surgical instruments he had bought while he was a minister in Liverpool between 1965 and 1972.

He admitted severing the private parts of three bodies. Tape recordings he had made in English and Welsh were discovered, giving a detailed description of similar mutilations of bodies in coffins, three of them in his chapel awaiting burial.

"A further male body was mutilated in that way, but he described how he turned the body over in its coffin and beat it on the buttocks with straps and then used electric fire bars to burn the buttocks," said Mr Daniel.

"It was only when he came to Tywyn that he had access to bodies awaiting burial. Before that they had been kept by undertakers.

"He told police he had long nursed a fantasy about the cutting off of male genitalia. He told them he had two personalities—one the caring priest, and another known as 'Emyr Ddrwg' or 'Emyr the Bad'.

"He claimed he had returned the sexual organs to their coffins before burial, but this was a lie. He had experimented with these organs, photographing them and disposing of them after the burial in various ways."

Fiery serpents

Owen was jailed for 2½ years for mutilating the three corpses and 18 months consecutively for the poison pen letter. He pleaded guilty.

A bachelor of mild outward eccentricities he always wore platform shoes, and his blue Fiat 127 car was decorated with three transfers of flame-breathing serpents—to hide scratches, he would claim.

Now some of his parishioners wonder if there was a more evil significance.

Born in Blaenau Ffestiniog, he worked as a saw sharpener in a slate quarry before becoming ordained. He served at churches in Llangybi, near Lampeter, Dyfed; Coventry; Liverpool; and Beddgelert, Snowdonia, before going to Tywyn.

During his eight years there he conducted some 200 funerals.

Sin of alcohol

Dr William Lawson, chief medical officer at Risley remand centre, said there was no evidence of mental illness as such, but Owen had doubts about his religion.

Usually when this happened to a minister he hit the bottle, but to a Welsh Calvinist, alcohol was a considerable sin.

Mr GEOFFREY KILFOIL, defending, said Owen had had a Jekyll and Hyde personality since his teens.

"He has found his God as a terrible and avenging God, and He has put him in dread. He is in grave doubt as to whether he will ever be forgiven."

Emyr Owen, 62, of Tywyn, Gwynedd, a Welsh Methodist Minister, who was jailed for four years at Chester Crown Court yesterday.

Stepfather blames Jasmine's death on her mother

By HEATHER MILLS Old Bailey Correspondent

THE stepfather accused of beating four-year-old Jasmine Lorrington to death, after 10 months of cruelty and torture, blamed the child's mother for her fatal injuries at the Old Bailey yesterday.

MAURICE "Rocky" BECKFORD told the jury that the night before Jasmine died he saw her mother, BEVERLY LORRINGTON, "strangling" the child.

And in a surprise move after his accusation, Lorrington, 24, changed her pleas on two charges of child cruelty from not guilty to guilty.

The jury was then discharged by the judge from returning a verdict on a third charge of cruelty relating to the day Jasmine died.

Jasmine — weighing only 1st 9lb — had 40 head injuries — some fatal — and 20 broken bones when examined by a pathologist.

Up to the time of her death, she was in the care of the London borough of Brent, but Beckford and Lorrington "hoodwinked" social workers, preventing them from seeing her during the last months of her life, the court was told.

Electric shock

Beckford, a 25-year-old scaffolder, denies murdering Jasmine at the home they shared with Lorrington and two other children, in College Road, Kensal Rise.

Rocking backwards and forwards in the witness box, BECKFORD, a West Indian, told the jury of six men and six women that on the night before Jasmine's death he saw Beverly "with her hands round Jasmine's neck, strangling her. I pulled her off."

He said that the next morning Jasmine was crying. "It must have been from the beating she got from Beverly.

When he came back from work he smoked a marijuana cigarette then went upstairs and found Jasmine dead.

He said he gave her an electric shock to try to revive her. "I got a plug and fuse on a lead and I gave her a shock round the heart," he told the jury.

Rockford, who has admitted two charges of cruelty and two of assault, said he only told police he had killed the child on July 5 last year to protect his common-law wife.

Asked why he had now changed his mind about taking the blame, he said it was because Lorrington had "cut him off" after she was freed on bail from prison. She had not replied to his letters.

He was then shown the letters he had sent to Lorrington.

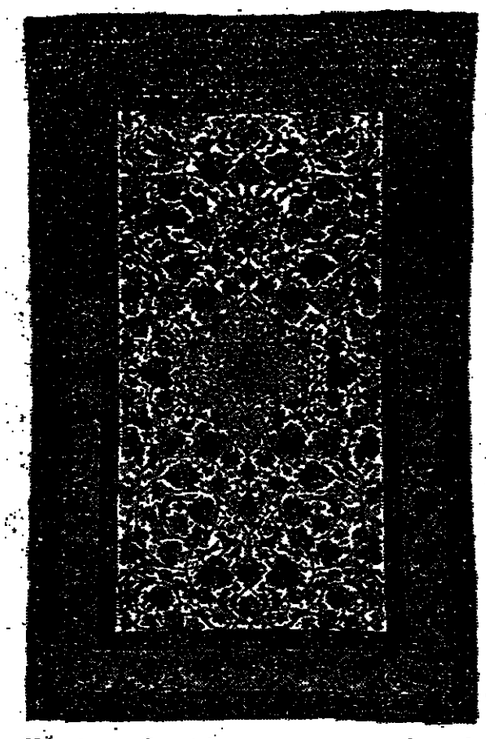
In them he said: "When Jasmine was around, we could not enjoy any form of happiness. She made it difficult for us.

"I just pray to God to forgive, and hope He can forgive my sin."

However, Beckford said that comment related to his failure to get proper treatment for a broken thigh Jasmine suffered before she died, not to killing her.

Earlier, detectives told the court that Beckford had begged them to shoot him when questioned about Jasmine's death. He is alleged to have told them: "She drove me crazy, she drove me crazy man. I just want to die. I did it, I killed her. I killed her man."

The case was adjourned until today.



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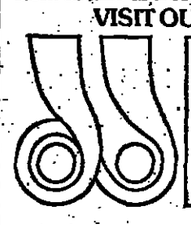

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News Round-up

Land's End £1·50 entry fee is dropped

By ROBERT BEDLOW Estates Correspondent

THE Welsh property millionaire who bought Land's End for £2,250,000 has agreed to drop his £1·50 entrance fee to the headland to avoid a costly High Court action over a right of way claimed by two local authorities.

Visitors will be admitted free to Land's End under an experimental deal between Mr David Goldstone and Cornwall County and Penwith District Councils.

The councils had issued a writ against Mr Goldstone's Daystone Holdings, claiming that a right of way runs from the end of the A30 to the edge of the headland. The agreement is expected to avoid this litigation

The dispute arose in 1982, when Mr Goldstone began a £1 million improvement scheme at Land's End and announced the entry fee. He insisted that public access by coast path to the headland, visited by more than one million people a year, was unaltered.

Rape case computer

A computer is now helping Hertfordshire police assess information which may assist their search for the man who, on Saturday, raped a 10-year-old girl at the Moat House Hotel, Markyate, near Hemel Hempstead.

Death award

Compensation of £120,633, the highest known award in Britain for a radiation-linked death, has been paid by British Nuclear Fuels to the dependants of a 45-year-old foreman who died of lung cancer in 1976. The man worked at Calder Hall, Sellafield, for 23 years.

Cartridge conviction

Cornelius Culwick, cleared two weeks ago of stealing or dishonestly handling a £6,000 watch belonging to the singer Elton John, was back at the Old Bailey yesterday to deny illegally having shotgun cartridges. Culwick, 31, of Ramola Road, Dulwich, was given a six-month sentence suspended for two years.

Funeral bar

The triple killer Arthur Hutchinson, 45, serving life in Walton Prison, Liverpool, has been refused permission to attend the funeral today of his father Joseph, who died last Friday aged 86.

Fire death charge

The nephew of Miss Mary Sadler, 36, a Down's syndrome sufferer found dead on Sunday in her burnt-out home at Alderton, near Cheltenham, Glos, was remanded in custody for a week yesterday charged with her murder. Jason Sadler, 18, was remanded in custody at Winchcombe magistrates' court, Glos.

Speeding MP fined

Mr Giles Radice, Labour's education spokesman and MP for Durham North, was fined £35 by Gateshead magistrates yesterday after admitting driving at 67 m.p.h. on a road with a 40 m.p.h. limit.

March of time

A pair of human feet at least 1,600 years old have been uncovered by archaeologists at the site of an ancient settlement at Worberry Gate, near Chewton Mendip, Somerset.

Marriage Bill

A Bill which will allow Mr Alan Monk, of Ashford, Kent, to marry his mother-in-law, Mrs Valerie Hill, completed its Commons stages yesterday when MPs gave it an unopposed third reading without debate. It is due to receive its Royal Assent today.

Magistrate scraps UDA protection racket case

By COLIN BRADY in Belfast

A POLICE attempt to smash an alleged Ulster Defence Association protection racket on Belfast building sites collapsed yesterday when a magistrate ordered three defendants to be freed because prosecution witnesses refused to identify themselves.

The witnesses wore anoraks with the hoods pulled up and woollen covers wrapped around their faces to protect their identities.

The Belfast magistrates court hearing to decide if the defendants should go for trial involved three men accused of 53 offences connected with extortion, demanding money with menaces, attempted blackmail and possession of firearms on building sites in Belfast, South Down and North Antrim over three years.

The defendants were: JAMES PRATT CRAIG, 43; DAVID FEE, 51, and JOHN QUEE, 26, all from West Belfast.

Five disguised company directors told the court the previous day of being offered a bogus "protection" service

Other unidentified witnesses, also alleging harassment, were scheduled to give evidence in court yesterday but the case was withdrawn by the prosecution.

Counsel for the Department of Public Prosecutions said: "Having considered the proceedings in court yesterday and the fact that no witness felt able to provide his name, the DPP has concluded that the prosecution cannot ask for the return for trial for any of the defendants on any charges against them."

RAPE VICTIM REFUSES TO TESTIFY

By TIM BROWN in Barcelona

THE refusal of a young housewife from West Sussex to return to Spain to give evidence against three men who allegedly raped her in front of her husband and baby son 17 months ago has left the court with the problem of how to deal with the case.

Yesterday a judge at Gerona, the regional capital on the Costa Brava, suspended the hearing and sent two brothers, Francisco and Felipe Moreno, and the third members of the alleged gang, Jose Salinas, back to prison while the court considers whether to try to persuade the woman to reconsider.

They face 10 charges of robbery with rape and four other charges of rape. The three have already escaped from prison while awaiting trial but were recaptured.

The police via the British Consulate sent photographs of the three men to the woman's home in Sussex and she marked the pictures of her alleged attackers with an X.

However, her husband rejected a request by the prosecution for her to return to Spain and give evidence because he feared it could damage her health and mind if she had to meet her attackers again.

'NO SOCCER' ORDER

Pc William Ross, arrested with more than 100 fans during a soccer riot at the Chelsea-Sunderland Milk Cup semi-final at Stamford Bridge on March 4, was ordered at Horseferry Road Court yesterday not to attend football matches until his trial.

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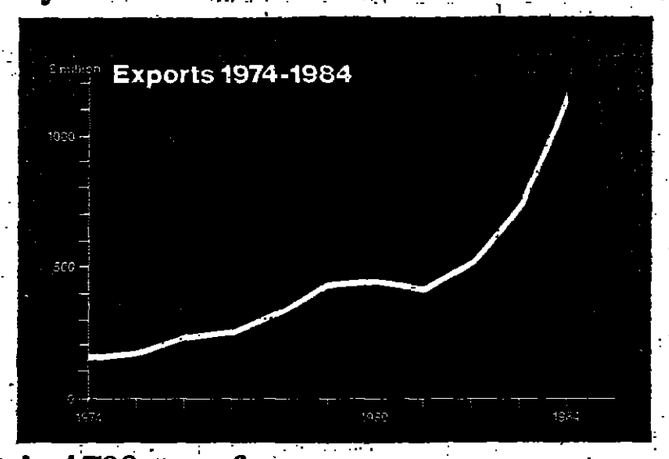

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60-DAY OFFER TO NATO ON SPACE ARMS

By Air Cdre G. S. COOPER Defence Staff in Luxembourg

AMERICA has given its Nato Allies and four other countries 60 days in which to declare their willingness to participate in President Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative research.

Mr Caspar Weinberger, the American Defence Secretary, formally announced the invitation on space weapons research in Luxembourg yesterday at the start of Nato's Nuclear Planning Group meeting.

He stressed that no commitment to subsequent deployment of a strategic shield system was necessary at this stage.

A letter handed to each of the defence ministers present invited them to respond by identifying areas of technology in which their industries could best contribute to the research programme.

A senior American official said the purpose behind Mr Weinberger's initiative was to generate a survey of western research and industrial capability applicable to defence against short-range missile systems, as well as long-range intercontinental and submarine-launched ballistic missiles.

Short time to reply

The short time given for countries to respond was "to urge a large research programme as expeditiously as possible," the official added.

France, Japan, Australia and Israel were the four non-Nato countries also invited to participate in S D I research.

When the areas of technology interest deemed most promising to each country had been identified, defence ministers would be invited to initiate discussion with America on a bilateral basis.

The Americans are looking in particular to Britain, West Germany and France for help in areas where their industries are recognised to be far advanced in the necessary technology, with some companies "on the leading edge" in certain useful areas.

Leakage to Russians

But difficulties are foreseen in overcoming security problems affecting the transfer of such technology.

The Americans expect to have to institute more than the usual means of protection to prevent leakage of vital information to the Russians.

Mr Weinberger's announcement received a broad expression of support from defence ministers at the Luxembourg meeting, with unanimous agreement on the need to continue the SDI research programme.

Underlying this support was the clear understanding that SDI is only to be regarded as a research programme at this stage.

Although there were many questions about deployment, these did not need to be answered until the feasibility study showed more clearly whether deployment was worthwhile.

Britain to respond

Mr Heseltine, Defence Secretary, said after the meeting that Britain would be responding to Mr Weinberger's indications, which would be given urgent consideration.

"We have already indicated that we believe the research programme should go ahead, particularly as the Soviets are undoubtedly deeply involved in their own research into strategic defence," he said.

Mr Heseltine said he was not surprised that a quick response was called for. To reach agreement over a wide field, there was a very powerful argument for a tight schedule.

Defence ministers as a whole agreed that Nato's current strategy of deterrence remained valid, but that research into strategic defence systems was needed to help the American position in the Geneva arms talks.

Stockpile to be cut

Meanwhile, Gen. Bernard Rogers, Supreme Allied Commander Europe, told the meeting that all atomic demolition munitions were to be withdrawn from Nato's battlefield nuclear stockpile.

In response to the Nuclear Planning Group's 1983 Montebello decision that the stockpile should be cut from 6,000 to 4,600 weapons, Gen. Rogers said his study showed that Nato could cut the total to a "little bit below" that level.

But he gave a warning that if the reduced number of nuclear weapons was to be effective, there had to be a continuing programme of modernisation, with particular emphasis on survivability and security.

The removal of the atomic mines, designed to block a Russian advance by the highly unpopular technique of laying waste large areas of Nato's own territory, would be completed by the end of 1988.

President-elect Tancredo Neves of Brazil, 75, pictured with his wife Risoleta in hospital in Brasilia after two emergency operations which delayed his inauguration. A few hours after the picture was taken he was whisked to the heart unit of a general hospital in Sao Paulo.

Glad-to-go Israelis regret leaving such good military bases

By CON COUGHLIN with the Israeli Defence Force in South Lebanon

THE snowcapped peaks of Jabal Barouk in south Lebanon provide the Israelis with one of the most important strategic bases in the Middle East.

They have a vantage point at the top of the 700ft range.

From it they can keep a more than watchful eye on the warring militias in Beirut and the entire deployment of the Syrian Army both at home and in occupied Lebanon.

In the neighbouring valley, where their northernmost positions are situated at Soultan Yeacoub, Israeli Centurion tank crews are eyeball-to-eyeball with the Syrians.

From there it is just 15 miles to Damascus, the Syrian capital—a fact believed by the Israelis to have largely influenced the Syrians not to meddle with them. Israeli military chiefs reckon that, given the order, they could be in Damascus within hours.

But within 10 weeks the Israeli defence forces will be gone from key strategic positions such as these, and the Syrian Army, driven out during some of the fiercest battles of the 1982 invasion, will be back.

While there may not be one Israeli soldier who wants to remain in Lebanon, there will be more than a passing regret at parting with bases that are a strategist's dream.

A visit to the front line yesterday showed work already well-advanced to dismantle bases in south Lebanon and ship all the valuable equipment back to Israel.

Round the clock

The narrow winding roads connecting Israel with what the military planners in Tel Aviv call the "eastern sector" are congested with a practically continuous stream of convoys carrying dismantling equipment to the front and returning with tanks, armoured personnel carriers, prefabricated buildings, and a variety of materials.

In the lower-lying areas, where there has been no snow for nearly a month, whole bases are being dismantled and the equipment removed within a matter of days.

Despite the acceleration of the operation because of the mounting effectiveness of terrorist attacks, the whole exercise is being carried out extremely efficiently—an indication of the military authorities' wholehearted approval of the Israeli Government's policy.

Up in the Jabal Barouk mountains, where most of the roads were snowbound until last week, work has only just begun. Workmen there face working round the clock, with the aid of floodlights at night, if they are to meet the mid-May deadline on which Israel seems to have settled for completing the withdrawal from south Lebanon.

They have to dismantle one of Israel's most secret military bases. Some of Israel's most sophisticated listening and communications equipment is installed in the mountains.

While the withdrawal operation gains momentum the main concern of the soldiers is what is going to happen to this vitally strategic area once they have left.

This was the area from which in the past Palestinian guerrillas, with the complicity of the Syrian Army, launched deadly rocket attacks on north Israeli settlements in Galilee.

The Palestinians have gone only to be replaced by Shi'ite Moslem extremists, who have waged a highly effective guerrilla campaign against the retreating Israeli Army.

But military chiefs believe the Shi'ites are interested only in regaining control of Lebanese soil, not in Israel.

The Shi'ite Moslem community, which suffered badly at the hands of the Palestine Liberation Organisation can be counted on to prevent Palestinian terrorists returning, it is thought.

The Syrian Army, which at present occupies most of eastern Lebanon, is thought unlikely to advance any farther for fear of provoking another Israeli attack.

Nevertheless the security of Israel's northern border, the reason for the invasion of Lebanon, will be all the more vulnerable with such important strategic positions in hostile hands.

Although squarely situated in Lebanon, the Jabal Barouk range was occupied by the Syrians before the Israeli invasion in 1982. Syrians are expected to return there within hours of the Israelis moving out, and the main Israeli concern is that guerrilla attacks on north Israel might start again.

Searches of villages and vehicles in south Lebanon have uncovered sophisticated weaponry including rocket launchers, and most rockets have a range of up to five miles, which would enable terrorists in south Lebanon to his Israeli targets.

Anti-terrorist line

OUR JERUSALEM CORRESPONDENT writes: Israel is to establish three new settlements near the Lebanese border to reinforce an anti-terrorist line.

Germans block deal on farm price freeze

By GODFREY BROWN Agriculture Correspondent in Brussels

AN intransigent German stand against any reductions in guaranteed prices for the country's one million-plus farmers, many of them part-timers, emerged at a meeting of Common Market agriculture ministers in Brussels last night as the biggest single obstacle to agreement on this year's farm price package.

The package, proposed by the European Commission, calls for a virtual price freeze for the Community's eight million farmers.

But plans to reduce the cross-border taxes on trade in farm products arising from the strength of the German mark would actually mean price cuts for German farmers.

This, Herr Ignaz Kiechle, the German Farm Minister, finds impossible to accept.

Mr Jopling, Agriculture Minister, told reporters he had reminded his colleagues that they were bound by the budgetary constraints that were agreed at the Fontainbleau summit last June.

He produced horrifying figures to back his support for commission plans to cut by up to 6 per cent. the prices at which surplus fruit and vegetables are withdrawn from sale and usually destroyed, at Common Market expense.

STEEL PLAN

Officials optimistic

OUR COMMON MARKET CORRESPONDENT IN BRUSSELS writes: A desperate bid to avert the collapse of the Common Markets anti-crisis plan for the steel industry was launched by Community industry ministers last night with officials expressing cautious optimism that a deal would be reached.

The threat arises from demands by mands by France and Italy to be allowed to subsidise their industries beyond the levels already authorised by the European Commission.

IRAQI THREAT TO WIDEN GULF CONFLICT

By Our Diplomatic Stac

Iraq yesterday sai dit had attacked Teheran and two other Iranian cities, hit a tanker in the Gulf, and threatened to carry the war "to every corner of Iraqq."

Iraq said nine people were killed and more than 30 injured in the Iraqi air raid on Teheran. It did not mention strikes against other Iranian cities.

In the Gulf, the Panamanian bulk carrier Cape Gwadar, 14,650 tons, was hit by an Exocet missile fired from an Iraqi-flown French Super-Etendard plane.

BRITAIN SIGNS AIRLINE PACT

By Our Air Correspondent in Luxembourg

Britain and Luxembourg have signed a bi-lateral air agreement that will let their national airlines offer scheduled flights on any routes between the two countries as often as they choose.

The agreement follows similar arrangements already approved by the Netherlands and West Germany in Britain's campaign for more liberalisation on Europe's air routes.

STALIN STREET

Stalin is to have a street named after him in the central Dutch town of Almere. Other thoroughfares are Winston Churchill Lane and Franklyn Roosevelt Square.—AP.

ADMIRAL ON MURDER CHARGE

Vice-Admi Wong Hsi-ling, 58, Taiwan's top military intelligence official, was charged yesterday with the murder of Henry Liu, a Chinese-American journalist, in California last year.

The Military Prosecutor's office in Taipei said that although Wong did not participate in the killing of Liu, he was nevertheless responsible for the crime. Two gangsters accused of the killing testified last week that they were following Wong's orders. — U P I.

First meeting for the Geneva sub-groups

By DAVID ADAMSON Diplomatic Correspondent

THE American and Soviet sub-groups dealing specifically with space weapons met for the first time yesterday under the umbrella of the Geneva arms-control talks.

Since the talks opened two weeks ago the negotiators have been occupied with devising a format to keep the sub-groups, dealing with three categories of weapons within the united farmework insisted on by the Russians.

Today it will be the turn of the sub-groups dealing with long-range missiles; and tomorrow will see the first meeting of the sub-groups concerned with medium-range weapons.

Both sides have pledged themselves to preserving the "confidentiality" of the talks. So little is expected to emerge at this stage, although it is unlikely they are yet doing much more than outlining their positions.

Still expanding

The Soviet Union is still expanding its missile forces in this category, while Nato continues with its programme for deploying cruise and Pershing II missiles.

But the most complex of the three categories is undoubtedly space weapons. The Soviet Union insists there must be an agreement barring the "militarisation of space."

Moreover, it must have a "rigid inter-relationship" with agreements in the two other categories.

The Americans see their plans for a defensive system in space capable of fending off offensive missiles as "non-negotiable" and not to be regarded as in any way a chip on the bargaining table.

RUSSIA LAGS BEHIND HER SATELLITES

By Our Geneva Correspondent

GROWTH of output in the Soviet bloc slowed during 1984 according to the annual report of the Economic Commission for Europe released in Geneva yesterday.

It said overall aggregate net material product, the measure usually used for evaluating output of the Eastern Bloc, increased by some 3·5 per cent., down from a 4 per cent. increase in 1983.

Contraction of crops

Notwithstanding the overall figure output by the East European nations alone actually increased by 5 per cent. and was 1 per cent. better than in 1983, while the Soviet increase was only 2·5 per cent., down 1 per cent.

The report attributes the Soviet lag to a contraction in crop production, while agricultural output in Eastern Europe surged by nearly 7 per cent. over 1983.

East Germany and Rumania recorded the highest growth rates among the seven countries.

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Every donation will be gratefully received and acknowledged (the Little Sisters of the Poor are a Registered Charity — No. 234434). Donors of £5 and over will receive a certificate from the Little Sisters. Kindly make cheques payable to "The Little Sisters of the Poor".

To all who have already contributed go our thanks and to every reader we appeal for help. Covenant forms are available on request. God will never allow you to miss whatever you give for "the man who is kind to the needy, lends to Yahweh; he will repay him for what he has done". (Prov. 19:17).

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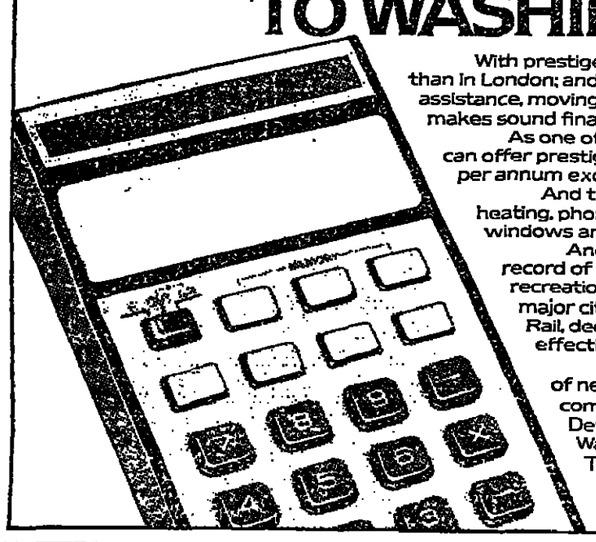

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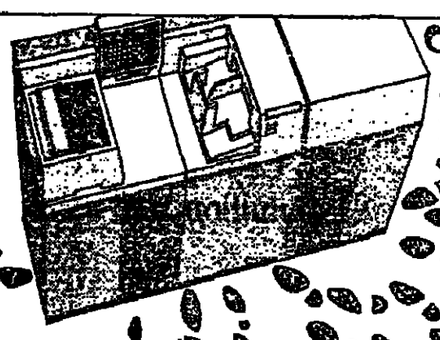

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SHAKE-UP FOR RUSSIAN MANAGERS

By NIGEL WADE in Moscow

MR GORBACHEV, the new Soviet leader, wants to put Russia under new management, literally. Managers of farms and factories now find themselves in the hottest seats in the land.

They are being pressed hard, within weeks of the succession of Mr Gorbachev, at 54 the youngest man named to lead the Soviet Union since Stalin, to "drop their old baggage" and overcome "inertia" — or else.

A recent PRAVDA article quoted Lenin:

"The *merciless* expulsion of superfluous officials, the reduction of staff, the replacement of Communists who do not seriously study management affairs—that must be the line."

Press attack

PRAVDA said: "The possibility exists everywhere to work better than yesterday and give people more."

Mr Gorbachev is proving a demanding task-master. In speeches before taking power he called for "a restructuring of the forms and methods of economic management." He is already showing that he intends to achieve precisely that.

Press articles since President Chernenko died on March 10 have attacked the quality of management in industry and agriculture.

Too many old men were in key positions, resisting necessary changes, said one article. Better schools were needed to train industrial managers and businessmen.

New teaching methods and new agricultural colleges were needed to train farm specialists said another.

"What must be done is to break up what is obsolete and to go over to new methods of economic leadership," PRAVDA said. If scope is left open for inertia of thinking, it may give rise to inertia as regards mistakes, lack of respect for public opinion, swelling of the managerial apparatus and other hindrances that impede our advance."

The PRAVDA article attacked managers who inflate the importance of their own positions by "bustling about" and interfering with the business of enterprises best-placed to take their own decisions.

'Only issue orders'

In Omsk, the paper said, each director of a State farm had 26 people in position over him who could interfere and tel him what to do.

"Many of them are not responsible for the farm's affairs and naturally do not give it anything but paperwork. They only issue orders. The director has no influence."

Managers too often ignored the guidance of people on the spot or clung blindly to outdated methods, PRAVDA said. When criticised, these managers always replied they were implementing a system they had inherited and had no right to change.

Mr Gorbachev is telling them, however, that they must make changes if they want to keep their jobs.

Soviet Press attacks journalists

By NIGEL WADE in Moscow

A SERIES of Soviet Press attacks on Western correspondents since President Chernenko died on March 10 may signal a crackdown on foreign journalists' activities as part of the campaign for order and discipline launched by the new Kremlin leader, Mr Gorbachev.

Being the occasional object of personal attacks in Soviet newspapers is an occupational hazard for Western correspondents in Moscow. But there has been an unusual spate of such attacks in the past two weeks.

Three separate articles have assailed correspondents of NEWSWEEK, the BBC, Reuters and the NEW YORK TIMES for alleged misconduct while travelling in the Soviet Union.

A Danish correspondent was recently summoned to the Soviet Foreign Ministry and told he was concentrating on the "wrong kind" of stories.

The new leader has shown himself jovial and at ease in encounters with Western newsmen. Before his December visit to Britain he even took the unprecedented step of replying, albeit negatively, to requests for interviews.

AIRBUS ORDER

The Thai cabinet yesterday gave its final approval for State-owned Thai Airways to buy two new European Airbus A310-200s despite fierce competition from Boeing to secure the deal, a government spokesman said. Reuter.

Senate wins plea on documents in trial of judge

By DENIS WARNER in Melbourne

THE Senate, the upper house of the Australian Parliament, made a surprise and successful intervention yesterday in the committal proceedings against Mr Justice Murphy, the High Court judge, to protect the privilege of four subpoenaed documents.

An attack by Mr Justice Murphy's counsel on the memory of one of the Crown's key witnesses marked the second day of the case in the Sydney Court of Petty Hearings.

Mr Justice Murphy, Federal Attorney-General in the Whitlam Labour government, is facing two charges of attempting to pervert the course of justice by trying to influence the Chief Stipendiary Magistrate in New South Wales and a District Court judge in a conspiracy case involving Mr Morgan Ryan, a Sydney solicitor.

Soon after the court resumed yesterday, two legal representatives of the Senate sought to intervene in the case.

Privilege cited

Mr Peter Biscoe, a Sydney barrister, said that documents which the court had subpoenaed from hearings of a Senate select committee last year were privileged in terms of the Australian Constitution, and could not be questioned or analysed outside Parliament.

Mr Alex Shand, Q.C. for Mr Justice Murphy, argued against the Senate having legal representation.

He said the Senate had no separate judicial existence. There was an enormous risk that the proceedings could be seriously hampered or obstructed by agreeing that a non-party be allowed to appear.

There was also a grave risk that justice could be obstructed.

"The little fellow"

Mr Arthur Riedel, the Stipendiary Magistrate, ruled that Mr Biscoe would be allowed to appear in the rôle of *Amicus curiae*.

Mr Clarrie Briese, Chief Stipendiary Magistrate in New South Wales, said that at a dinner at his home in 1982, Mr Justice Murphy had told him the evidence against Morgan Ryan did not support conspiracy charges.

Later, at a cocktail party in Sydney, when Mr Briese had told the judge that the charges would go ahead, Mr Justice Murhpy had said: "The little fellow will be shattered."

Mr Briese said he had been told by Mr Justice Murphy that the Attorney-General in New South Wales was going ahead with plans to make the magistrates independent of the Public Service.

Mr Briese replied that was good news. Whereupon, Mr Justice Murphy asked: "Now what about my little mate?"

Evidence 'weak'

Under cross-examination by Mr Shand, Mr Briese admitted he did not have a perfect memory.

Asked about the dinner at his home, Mr Briese had said that in discussing the Morgan Ryan case, Mr Justice Murphy had remarked the evidence was weak and did not justify a charge of conspiracy.

Under cross-examination Mr Briese agreed it was possible that Mr Justice Murphy had said the evidence against Morgan Ryan was weak, and that he himself could have said, "You don't think it supports a charge of conspiracy?" — to which Mr Justice Murphy had replied, "No."

The long train of events began early last year with the publication in the Melbourne newspaper THE AGE of transcripts of illegal police tapes in New South Wales.

This led to two Senate select committee hearings, to the trial and imprisonment of a Sydney magistrate for perverting the course of justice, and to the charges against Mr Justice Murphy.

Under strong pressure from the Opposition in Canberra, Mr Lionel Bowen, Attorney-General, who had previously refused to grant indemnity to police involved in the illegal tapes, yesterday made an abrupt about-face.

At the same time, the Opposition in the New South Wales Parliament has brought up fresh allegations of corruption arising from the so-called AGE tapes.

The hearings of the committal proceedings against Mr Justice Murphy continue today.

SHELLS FALL IN THAILAND

By Our Bangkok Correspondent

Communist troops shelled Cambodian resistance encampments yesterday in two areas near the Thai-Cambodian border, causing panic among refugees living in a makeshift camp inside Thailand, Thai military sources reported.

Several shells fell on Thai soil but did not hit the refugee camp. Thai troops returned fire, but no casualties were reported.

IRON CROSS SPY GOES ON TV

By DENIS WARNER in Melbourne

MR CHARLES EVANS, who claims to have been a British double-agent in Germany during the war, appeared on Australian television last night with his Iron Cross (First Class).

"I'd lived for five years as a German before the war," he said. "That's better, having a man on the ground, than bringing in someone after war breaks out."

He said he was certain that Adml. Canaris, head of German military intelligence under the Nazis, was working for the British Secret Service and knew who he was.

Film of execution

"I always thought that Canaris gave qualified information," he said. "If it was for England and against Germany, he would divulge it." The admiral thought the best thing for Germany was to lose the war.

Mr Evans said he saw Hitler show a film of Adml Canaris's execution by hanging with piano wire. Hitler took a great delight in it. He was a sadist.

Asked how he conducted his operations in Germany, Mr Evans said that MI6 created for him a great array of "aunts" and cousins in Germany and Poland.

TRAIN BLAST KILLS 7

Seven people were killed and nine were injured when a bomb exploded on a train bound for Sofia, the Bulgarian capital, from Burgas on the Black Sea coast, Western diplomatic sources said yesterday.—Reuter.

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Peking workers trade dollars for profit

By HUGH DAVIES in Peking

AMID signs that China's capitalist-orientated reforms are beginning to get slightly out of hand, Peking's economic daily newspaper printed yet another example yesterday of what seems to be growing financial skulduggery within the Communist state.

The story was told of a Peking parts factory that signed a contract with a television equipment manufacturer to import computer parts.

The factory purchased from the Office of Foreign Economic Relations $300,000 (£256,400) for the deal, at a rate of about three Chinese yuan per dollar. However, the idea was simply a cover for a cash transaction as no parts were ever imported.

The contract was simply a means to resell each dollar at an inflated value of more than four yuan to make a huge profit, which was then distributed among the staff.

String of tales

This is but one of a string of woeful tales emerging every week as China tries to cope with, as the PEOPLE'S DAILY puts it, "the bit of decadent and corrupt bourgeois culture" that is "unavoidably" creeping into society as it opens to foreign trade and technology.

So-called unjustified bonuses for staff in factories and businesses in Peking have grown to such alarming proportions that public warnings have been issued about the situation.

Considerable publicity is being given at the moment to black market money changers. Four men have just been arrested at Shumchun, the special economic zone near Hongkong, and sent to labour camps.

Between them, they were said to have been carrying the equivalent of £15,420 in Chinese currency for changing with tourists for Hongkong and American dollars.

Intriguingly, the views of Teng Lichun, the Communist party's propaganda chief who is widely considered to be opposed to the introduction of radical Western ideas, are now being aired widely.

He met a party of visiting American journalists shortly after their audience this week with Teng Hsiao-ping, China's leader.

According to those present, he talked of Teng's urban and rural reforms of the economy being universally welcomed in China.

But he disclosed that they had thrown up several problems that had resulted in a two-month investigation by the Communist party in January and February.

He spoke of profiteering by shopkeepers, government units exceeding budgets, government officials lacking experience to cope with the new policies, a rise in the amount of cash in circulation because bank interest rates were too low, and promises of pay rises that were not matched by increases in production.

After the review, he said, the government had decided to control currency, credit and loans more tightly, and limit wages.

He was quoted as saying: "To practice capitalism in China is to revert to the old China.

"A very important task for our party is to educate the young people in what a disaster capitalism would bring them."

10,000 MEN IN OMANI EXERCISE

By Maj-Gen EDWARD FURSDON Defence Correspondent in Muscat

THE Omani Armed Forces are about to start the largest and most ambitious military exercise they have ever attempted.

Code-named Exercise Ra'ad ("Thunder") and involving 10,000 men and 300 vehicles, including Chieftain tanks, it is to take place in the desert about 40 miles south-east of Nizwa — midway between Adam and al-Mintrib.

The aim is to give the Army and Air Force practice in a combined conventional war operation in defence of the sultanate. The initial scenario is of an imaginary neighbour state called Marmul invading Omani territory across an imaginary disputed border with the object of capturing a newly discovered rich oilfield.

Infantry brigades with full supporting arms, a helicopter assault battalion and special forces will all be deployed.

One very important factor is that the full logistic supply of both sides, including provision of water and the evacuation and processing of 500 simulated casualties, will be "played for real" out in the desert area.

The Air Force will undertake attack, helicopter and transport support operations.

This very significant eight-day two-sided live exercise will incorporate a very high degree of "free play" and so will certainly give battalion and brigade commanders practice in the skill of tactical command.

It will also focus on what even Nato finds the extremely difficult problem of controlling the air space over the battlefield through which ground-attack aircraft, helicopters, missiles, airborne reconnaissance vehicles, artillery and mortar fire will all be competing for priority and safe passage.

£14m PAYOUT FOR CHINA OIL SPILL

The London Steamship Owners Mutual Insurances Association has agreed to pay $6,300,000 (£5,383,000) in settlement of the worst oil spill in Chinese waters since the Communist takeover in 1949, according to the New China News Agency.

The sum was compensation for pollution in the northern harbour of Qingdao when the Panama-registered tanker Feoso Ambassador, 24,825 tons, ran aground.—Reuter.

HOTEL BOMB

A bomb exploded in the main hotel in Concepcion, Chile, on Monday night after military security agents went there to silence a clandestine radio broadcast denouncing the military government. Two agents died in the blast, officials said yesterday.—AP.

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White Paper aims at exams, teachers, governors, curriculum—and homework

JOSEPH'S PLAN TO GIVE EVERY CHILD A BETTER CHANCE

By JOHN IZBICKI Education Correspondent

THE improvement of teaching, as well as special powers for Sir Keith Joseph, Education Secretary, to require teachers to have their classroom performance appraised, are contained in a White Paper published yesterday.

The White Paper, which aims to improve just about every aspect of schooling, from the curriculum to discipline, from school government to examinations, wants every child, regardless of ability, to be given a better chance.

It sets out Government plans to:

LEGISLATE to reform school governing bodies so that they may no longer be politically rigged by local authorities, and give parents a very much more substantial say in the running of their schools.

INTRODUCE a system of specific grants to force local authorities to make refresher courses for teachers more effective. At present, authorities receive money for this purpose but are not forced to spend it as requested.

EXTEND the Secretary of State's existing powers for regulating the employment of teachers to cover the appraisal of their performance.

INTRODUCE a new examination—the Advanced Supplementary level (A S), to broaden sixth form education so that those taking arts-based A-levels also tackle science A-levels and vice-versa. Each will be worth half an A-level and will be recognised for university/polytechnic entry.

COME to grips with the increasing problems of school discipline and pupil truancy.

Worth of homework

In 95 pages, the White Paper goes as far as to discuss the question of homework, a matter not normally dealt with by central government. But Sir Keith wants every school to formulate a clear homework policy, and says:

"Homework is an important element of independent study and is not necessarily done at home. Appropriately set and marked homework reinforces work in the classroom.

"Yet the available evidence suggests that few local authorities at present have formulated explicit policies for homework and the homework policies of most schools are not fully worked out.

"Homework policies should relate to such matters as the amount, range and character of what should be expected in the primary and secondary phases of various ages and ability levels, the conditions which make for the effective use of homework, and the problems faced by pupils whose home environment may make study at home difficult."

Quality of teachers

Sir Keith, despite his oft-repeated belief that most teachers at most schools are doing a tough job well, nevertheless states that general quality is not good enough.

"The employment of sufficient teachers fosters, but does not guarantee, quality in teaching," the document says, adding:

"There is much excellent teaching in maintained schools. Nevertheless, the Government's view, reached in the light of reports by H M Inspectorate, is that a significant number of teachers are performing at a standard below that required to achieve the objectives now proposed for the schools."

Regulations are shortly to be amended to force local authorities and governors of aided schools to look at the formal qualifications of all teachers in their employment to make sure that they are suitable for the education required by their pupils.

This will make sure that qualifications match up to subjects being taught, so that it will no longer be possible for a teacher qualified in, say English, to be teaching methematics, or one with a degree in sociology to be teaching chemistry.

To hammer home the need for teachers not only to be properly qualified but also to keep up to date with the most recent research and developments, in-service training — refresher courses to improve their career development and teaching standards—is to be tackled as a priority.

As already announced in last week's Budget statement, specific grants, that is, grants ordered by Government to be spent by local authorities only for this specific purpose, are to be introduced to support local authority expenditure on this item.

Salary structure

Turning to the management of the teaching force, the White Paper enters the delicate area of salary structure, at the centre of the present dispute.

Regardless of the fact that the National Union of Teachers has walked out of talks on a new structure, including the appraisal of teachers, it declares that the Government "welcomes the sustained efforts made by many parties to negotiate a new salary structure for primary and secondary teachers."

Such a structure would embrace "new pay scales, a new contractual definition of teachers' duties and responsibilities and the introduction of systematic performance appraisal, designed to bring about a better relationship between pay, responsibilities and performance, especially teaching performance in the classrooms."

Sir Keith Joseph

And Sir Keith then puts in writing what he has been threatening for many months: "It is proposed that the Secretary of State's existing powers for regulating the employment of teachers should be extended to enable him, in appropriate circumstances, to require local authorities regularly to appraise the performance of their teachers."

Inquiring minds

He could not be clearer than that. If the teacher unions and their local authority employers fail to come to an agreement on restructuring, including teacher appraisal, then Sir Keith will force through such assessments by law.

Not satisfied with telling teachers that they must improve their teaching standards, the Government also is determined to improve what is being taught in schools. The curriculum is tackled in some detail.

"There is wide agreement about the purposes of learning at school, in particular that pupils should develop lively, inquiring minds," it says and adds:

"They must also "acquire understanding, knowledge and skills relevant to adult life and employment and develop personal moral values."

Whether at an ordinary or at special schools, the curriculum should be:

BROAD: It should introduce the pupil to a wide range of knowledge, understanding and skills.

BALANCED: Each part should be allotted sufficient time to make its special contribution, but not so much that it squeezes out other essential parts.

RELEVANT: Subjects should be taught so as to bring out their applications to the pupils' own experience and to adult life, and to give due emphasis to practical aspects.

DIFFERENTIATED: What is taught and how it is taught need to be matched to pupils' abilities and aptitudes.

Achievement records

New examinations, already widely publicised, are to be introduced in order to improve the present state of affairs and serve the curriculum: the General Certificate of Secondary Education which merges and replaces the G C E Ordinary level and the C S E examinations: the Advanced Supplementary level to promote greater "depth" for those taking A-levels, allow a greater mix of arts and sciences and require half the study time of A-levels while still being credited at half an A-level.

And there will be records of achievement, passports for pupils showing what they have managed to achieve outside the examination sphere. By the end of the decade, all pupils leaving school will receive such a record.

On the question of school discipline, the White Paper states that nothing undermines the efforts of schools as the failure to keep in check "discourtesy, disorder and disruption.

"The public rightly regards standards of pupil behaviour as a touchstone of the quality of the school system. The poor standards found in a small minority of schools give rise to widespread concern and anxiety.

"A school's efforts to promote high standards of conduct are frustrated if the pupils are not constructively occupied or become bored. One remedy lies in imaginative teaching and a determination actively to involve pupils and interest them in their work."

It mentions the controversial legislation that will give parents the choice of allowing a school where the cane is still in use to impose corporal punishment on their child or to forbid such punishment to be meted out. But it says that self-discipline and the rewards for high standards of conduct are of utmost importance.

Increasing truancy

"Many schools could do more to emphasise these positive aspects and so reduce their reliance on disciplinary sanctions."

Parents, above all, should support their children's schools by seeing that their children attend regularly. The Government is clearly concerned about mounting truancy, particularly towards the end of compulsory schooling at ages 14-16.

"In too many cases the pupil's absence is condoned by parents. A better curriculum and more effective teaching should reduce truancy where it results from boredom."

In order to correct rising truancy rates, the Government has issued a circular that will give wider powers to the education welfare services — or the truancy officers, as they used to be known.

Regular and searching analyses of school attendance registers are to be conducted and non-attendance records are to be kept, giving detailed reasons for truancy and other absences — these to be given, possibly annually, to each school's board of governors.

It is the board of governors that forms one of the most important reforms announced in the White Paper.

Parent power

Sir Keith appears to have retreated from his originally held stance — the determination to give parents an overall majority on governing boards. This proposal created uproar and Sir Keith was inundated with critical comments. Even the National Confederation of Parent-Teacher Associations rejected the idea.

The proposed legislation will certainly give parents far more powers than they have ever had in the government of schools: but, more important still, it will end political rigging of boards.

Depending on the size of a school, the board of governors will comprise from a total of nine to 19 members. Parents and local authority appointed members will, between them, hold the majority.

For example, a small school with, say 250 pupils, will have three governors appointed by and from parents; three appointed by the local authority; one elected by and from teachers; and four co-opted members. The head will be a member, too.

In the case of a big comprehensive of 600 pupils or more, five governors would come from parents, five from local authorities, two from teachers and six co-opted plus the head—a total of 19.

Head's responsibility

This wide-reaching legislation, which more closely resembles proposals made in the Taylor Report of School Government, will give parents greater say. But the White Paper makes it clear that the day-to-day running of schools and the maintenance of discipline must remain the responsibility of the head.

But the present arrangement, whereby local authorities appoint the majority of governors so that "these appointees can dominate the governing body," will be ended.

The White Paper reiterates Sir Keith's welcoming comments of the Swann Report on ethnic minorities in that it repeats Government policies to "reduce under-achievement wherever it occurs" and support the education service in preparing pupils for an ethnically mixed society which is working towards racial harmony.

Size of schools

It even lays down the minimum size of schools. For example, a comprehensive school for pupils aged 11 to 16 should have at least 180 children entering it yearly. "A school with five or fewer classes entering each year is unlikely to be able to offer a good curriculum without disproportionately generous staffing," it says.

A comprehensive with a sixth form (11-18 plus) needs to be of a size that can maintain a sixth form of at least 150 pupils.

Only with such a size can the school offer an adequate range of A-levels and other courses, it states and adds: "With fewer pupils than this, effective co-ordination with other institutions is usually essential for the needs of sixth form pupils."

This would appear to augur bad news for the small comprehensive and could spell either more closures or mergers in the years to come or a greater form of sharing facilities and teachers with other nearby schools.

As with the Swann Report, a summary has been produced with this White Paper, and will be sent free to every local authority for distribution to schools. More than 60,000 copies of the 20-page summary booklet have been produced.

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STOOL OF THOUGHT

Rev. Dan Richards, rector of Ilchester, Somerset, has been advised by doctors to avoid standing as he suffers from varicose veins. The village postmaster, Mr John Miller, has made a him a special wooden stool so that he can remain seated when delivering his sermons.

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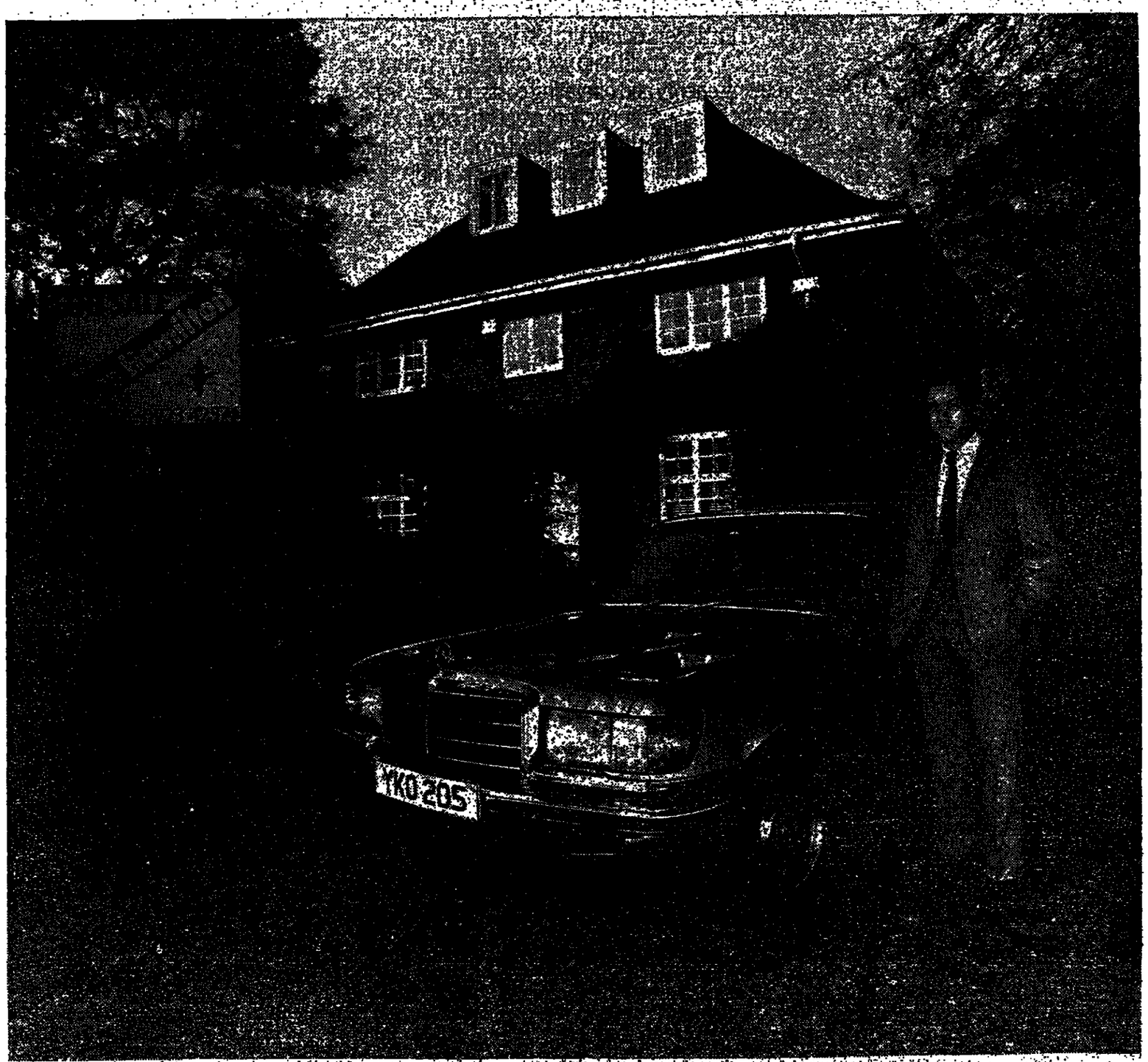

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SURVEY FINDS HIGH RATE OF CHEMICAL POLLUTION IN U.S.

By IAN BALL in New York

A "POST-BHOPAL" survey of hundreds of chemical plants in the United States has found that hazardous materials are being emitted into the atmosphere at far higher levels and at many more locations than environmentalists had suspected.

The survey was ordered by a Congressional sub-committee on health and the environment after disclosures that no regulations in America controlled the release of methyl isocyanate, the substance that killed more than 2,000 people in Bhopal, India, last December, after a leak at a Union Carbide plant.

The congressional investigators looked at the operations at plants of the country's 80 largest chemical companies.

They found the plants were discharging into the atmosphere annually thousands of tons of cancer-causing agents and other extremely hazardous materials.

Worst areas

For the most part, this pollution was not illegal. Some of the materials are subject to no regulations. Others are covered by various State or federal laws, but no uniform standards apply.

"Almost every chemical plant we received information about is releasing staggeringly high rates of hazardous chemicals, even in routine releases," said Mr Henry Waxman, a California Democrat, who is chairman of the sub-committee that ordered the survey.

The most lethal chemical discharges were found in parts of West Virginia, Texas and Louisiana. In the heavily populated New York-New Jersey-Connecticut area, dangerous levels of chemical pollution were found in Newark, New Jersey, Buffalo, New York and Wallingford and Danbury, Connecticut.

The information was provided by the chemical companies themselves. The subcommittee had sent questionnaires to the firms asking them to list the amounts of proven and suspected carcinogens and other hazardous materials being released into the atmosphere.

The companies voluntarily co-operated with the congressional investigators, a reaction that may not have occurred a year or two ago.

Los Angeles alert over gas leaks

By IAN BRODIE in Los Angeles

AS a state of emergency was declared, workers began drilling the first of five wells in a normally busy Los Angeles shopping district yesterday to burn off methane gas leaking from an abandoned oil field in an operation that could take weeks or months.

The gas exploded on Sunday, demolishing a clothing store and injuring 22, two critically. Afterwards, flames continued to leap from fissures in the ground.

Nine blocks in the Fairfax district were cordoned off as officials discussed how to cope with the environmental disaster.

$500,000 loss

The area was not evacuated but 160 businesses were ordered to remain closed indefinitely, including farmers' market, a famous tourist attraction. A conservative estimate puts the daily loss at more than $500,000 (£420,000).

The area will return to normal only when pressure drops below a level that would not cause another explosion. That may mean burning several million cubic feet of gas if, as feared, multiple gas pockets are found.

Sunday's explosion was probably caused by a seepage of methane into the clothing shop's basement which was then touched off by an electrical spark. During the first 30 years of this century oil wells large and small operated in the district.

Lady Redgrave, widow of Sir Michael Redgrave, watching her daughters Vanessa (centre) and Lynn examine floral tributes after his funeral at Mortlake crematorium yesterday.

DEATHS, IN MEMORIAM

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LYNAM.—On March 25, 1985, peacefully in hospital, GEORGE PATRICK (Paddy), aged 62 years, of 8 [illegible] Road, Abingdon, Oxon. Funeral service at Abingdon Cemetery Chapel on Friday, March 29, at 11 a.m. Floral tributes to P. L. Barrett, 81, Ock Street, Abingdon.

MACEY.—On March 26, 1985, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, KATHLEEN MONICA, of Findon. Inquiries to H. D. Tribe Ltd. tel. 0903 34515.

McGRATH.—On March 24, 1985, suddenly, JOHN FRANCIS, of Reigate, Surrey, formerly of Bandon, Co. Cork, beloved husband of Sally and father of Lucy and Tom. Cremation at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, on Monday, April 1, at 4 p.m. Flowers if wished to Stoneman Funeral Services, Doran Court, Redhill.

McHALE.—On March 24, 1985, peacefully, in hospital, GLADYS MABEL, of Cheniston, Queens Park Drive, Crewe, widow of CYRIL McHALE, M.C., Solicitor, mother of Urania and Keith.

McMULLEN.—On Monday, March 25, peacefully at Guy's Hospital, MURRAY McMULLEN, beloved husband of Fulvia and dearly loved father of Gillian and Linda. Funeral private. No flowers, please, but donations to the fund that meant so much to him, Special Trustees of Guy's Hospital for Blood Transfusion Laboratories Fund.

MASSINGHAM.—On March 25, 1985, at Upton Hospital, Slough, after a brief illness in her 93rd year, AMY (nee Sanders), a much loved and admired mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Family flowers only. But donations, if desired, to Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

MANNING.—On March 25, peacefully at the Withybush General Hospital, Haverfordwest, MARGARET ELIZABETH MANNING M.B.E., of 45, Harbour Village, Goodwick, Dyfed, late of British Consulate, Geneva. Funeral, Friday, March 29. Public service at Manorowen Parish Church, 2 p.m., followed by private cremation at Parc Gwyn, Narberth, 3.30 p.m. Family flowers only, with donations in lieu if desired for the Paul Sartori Foundation, c/o The Manager, Midland Bank, West Street, Fishguard, Dyfed.

MEGRAH.—On March 23, 1985, in hospital, MAURICE MEGRAH Q.C., loved friend of Lynne. Service, Mortlake Crematorium on Friday, March 29, at 4.30 p.m. No flowers, but donations to Therapy Pool, London Hospital, Whitechapel, E.1. Memorial service to be announced.

MELLERIO.—On March 25, 1985, peacefully at home, DOROTHY MAY, aged 85, dearly loved by all those who knew her. Funeral service 11.30 a.m., April 1, at St George's Church, Campden Hill, London, W.8. Cremation private. Flowers to John Bussey Ltd, 2, Berkeley Gardens, W.8.

MICKLETHWAIT.—On March 25, in hospital, GUY MICKLETHWAIT, O.B.E., of The Barn, Helford, aged 75. Funeral at Manaccan Church, Cornwall, at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, March 30. No flowers, please, but donations if desired to The Chest, Heart and Stroke Association, Tavistock House North, London WC1H 9JE.

MILES.—On March 25, peacefully at his home, Elm Farm, Icklesham, RONALD ALFRED, aged 54 years, after a distressing illness valiantly fought, beloved of his family and many friends. Funeral service at All Saints and St Nicholas Church, Icklesham, East Sussex, at 12.30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2, followed by private cremation. If desired, donations in lieu of flowers, please, to St Michael's Hospice Fund, 7, Wellington Square, Hastings, East Sussex TN34 1PD. All inquiries to Barden & Sons Ltd, Pett, Hastings 813161.

MITCHELL.—On March 24, 1985, ELSIE, aged 31 years, of Bramhall, Cheshire, dearly loved wife of David and dear mother of Keith. Service at Stockport Crematorium on Friday, March 29, at 3.30 p.m. Inquiries to Ben Lloyds Ltd, tel. 061-485 3135 and Poynton 872717.

MONICO.—On March 26, at home in his 89th year, ALFRED J., husband of Clarissa and father of Martin and David. Private cremation followed by interment in Switzerland.

MOORE.—On March 26, at Seaford, Sussex, MARGARET KATHERINE (Marnie), in her 90th year, late of Burghclere Common, Newbury, loved sister, aunt and great-aunt. Cremation private.

MORGAN.—On March 23, 1985, peacefully in hospital, RICHARD HAROLD, aged 85 years, son of the late Samuel and Ada, of Newtown, Powys. Funeral service to be held at Bournemouth Crematorium, on Friday, March 29, at 9 a.m.

MURRAY.—On March 25, 1985, suddenly but peacefully at home, KEITH PARKER, loving and greatly loved husband of Elsie and father of James, much loved by all his family and friends. Funeral service on Friday, March 29, at the Church of St Andrew, Alfriston, at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations to Imperial Cancer Research. Inquiries and donations c/o Seaford and Newhaven Funeral Service, tel. (0323) 893889.

MYERSCOUGH.—On March 17, 1985, suddenly while on holiday, CYRIL FREDERICK, adored husband of Joy and much loved father of Robert, Cherry and Philip. Sadly missed by his sisters, grandchildren, family and friends. A private funeral has taken place at his request. A memorial service will be held in St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on Monday, April 22, at 6.30 p.m.

NEILL.—On March 24, 1985, peacefully at Amersham General Hospital, MURIEL JESSIE, aged 81 years, of Moor Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, greatly loved by her family and friends. Funeral service at the Macclesfield Crematorium at 12.30 p.m. on Friday, March 29. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Cancer Research, c/o Paterson Labs, Christie Hospital, Withington, Manchester. All inquiries to Albert R. Slack (Funeral Director) Ltd., Wilmslow Cheshire, tel. Wilmslow 525063.

NEWALL WATSON.—On March 24, peacefully, KATHLEEN GERTRUDE, aged 95, very dearly loved mother, grandmother, greatgrandmother and mother-in-law. The service will take place at St Nicolas Church, Cranleigh, on Friday, March 29, at 11.45 a.m., followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, please, but if desired donations may be sent to Dr Barnardos.

NEWMAN.—On March 24, 1985, peacefully at home after a short illness, ELISABETH MARY, aged 61 years, loved wife of Group Capt CHARLES NEWMAN and loving mother of Philip and Pamela. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Shroton, on Monday, April 1, at 10.45 a.m. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for Cancer Research may be sent to David R. Cherrett, funeral director, 10, Market Place, Blandford.

NICHOLSON.—On March 23, 1985, suddenly at Castlemaine Rest Home, St Leonards-on-Sea, ELSIE WILLIS, aged 90 years, beloved sister of Vera and aunt of Pauline. Funeral service at Robertson Street United Reformed Church, Hastings, on Wednesday, April 3, at 2.15 p.m., followed by cremation. Family flowers only, but if desired donations for the League of Friends, Royal East Sussex Hospital, may be sent c/o Stuart Horsler Ltd, 32, Norman Road, St Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex.

NOLAN.—On March 19, 1985, in hospital, AUDREY MAYNARD, aged 84, formerly of Wimbledon, wife of the late JAMES NOLAN and beloved mother of Roger Talnton. Cremation at Putney Vale on Tuesday, April 2, 12 noon. Donations to Cancer Research.

NORTH.—On March 19, peacefully at home, ELLEN, beloved wife of Bernard. Service at Morden College Chapel, Blackheath, March 28, 2.15 p.m., followed by cremation at Lewisham Crematorium, Hither Green, 3 p.m.

NUGENT.—On March 24, 1985, suddenly but peacefully at La Hougue, Jersey, after a short illness, HELENA NUGENT. Funeral private. No flowers please, but donations in lieu may be sent to any branch of Save the Children Fund. A memorial service will be held in London at a date to be notified later.

OLIVER.—On March 26, 1985, peacefully at home, 41, Leeburn Avenue, Houston, JACK OLIVER, beloved husband of Moira, a dear father of John, Nicholas and Simon. Funeral on Friday, March 29. Friends desirous of attending please meet at Woodside Crematorium, Paisley, at 2.30 p.m. Donations in lieu of flowers to Cancer Research, please.

ORCHARD.—On March 25, NANCY MARGARET, beloved wife of Ronnie and mother of William and John. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium, on Monday, April 1, at 2.30 p.m. Inquiries to Kenyons, 01-937 0757.

OTLEY.—On March 24 peacefully in a private nursing home at Frampton-on-Severn, GLADYS, beloved wife of the late Colin and aunt of Christopher. Funeral service to be held at Gloucester Crematorium on Friday, March 29, at 12 noon.

OWEN.—On March 25, peacefully with her family, CHRISTINA OWEN, of Bisley, Gloucestershire. Cremation at Easthampstead, near Bracknell, on Thursday, March 28, at 3.30 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations to Cancer Research.

PALLISTER.—On March 24, peacefully, NANCY, beloved widow of John (Jack) PALLISTER, a much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral service Friday, March 29, at Thornhill Crematorium, Cardiff, at 3.40 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Dr Barnardo's, may be sent c/o Tovey Bros. (F/D), 9/11, Cardiff Road, Newport.

PALMER.—On March 21, peacefully in hospital, HAROLD JAMES, aged 78, beloved husband of Ivy and father of Michael, Sheila and Ann. Funeral service at St James's Church, Riddlesdown, Purley, on Friday, March 29, at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only, please. Donations, if desired, to Friends of Warlingham Park Hospital.

PALMER.—On March 17, 1985, JOHN RICHARD, aged 63 years. Funeral service at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, on Monday, April 1, at 12 noon (East Chapel).

PARR.—On March 24, 1985, peacefully in hospital, in his 90th year, ARTHUR ALBERT, beloved husband of Jean and father of Douglas and Geoffrey. Cremation will take place at Hendon Crematorium on Friday, March 29, at 4 p.m. Inquiries to Leverton & Sons, 39, Brent Street, Hendon, N.W.4.

PEARSALL.—On March 21, 1985, peacefully in an Eastbourne hospital, THOMAS CECIL, aged 82, beloved husband of Daisy and father of Joan, Pamela and John. Service at the Downs Crematorium, Brighton, on Thursday, March 28, at 2.15 p.m. Inquiries to Seaford and Newhaven Funeral Service, tel. 0323 893289.

PHILLIPS.—On March 25, peacefully, MURIEL, aged 85, of 100, Gordon Court, W.12, friend of many. Funeral Tuesday, April 2, at 11.30 a.m., at West London Crematorium. Inquiries H. J. Bent & Co., tel. 743 3338.

PHILIPS.—On March 26, 1985, peacefully in hospital, ROBERT JAMES, aged 77 years, of Trafalgar Road, Southport, dearly loved grandfather. Funeral private, please. Family flowers only. All inquiries to Broadbent's of Southport Ltd. tel. Southport 35352.

PINN.—On March 22, after a short illness at Weston-super-Mare General Hospital, REGINALD [illegible], husband of the late Joan Fay and father of David.

PINTO.—On March 24, peacefully in the Middlesex Hospital, GLADYS, widow of Major R. J. PINTO. Funeral 2 p.m. on March 27, at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, N.W.11.

POOLE.—On Saturday, March 23, OLIVER, beloved cousin of OLIVER POOLE. Funeral Golders Green Crematorium, Monday, April 1, at 2.30 p.m. Flowers to J. H. Kenyon, 132, Freston Road, W.11.

PRITCHARD.—On March 17, 1985, at Myton Hospice, JULIA (Beetle), devoted wife of the late ALAN PRITCHARD, of Pritchard Sports Shop, Jubilee Crescent, Coventry. Funeral service was held at St John the Divine Church. Cremation at Canley Crematorium, Coventry. Donations if desired to Myton Hospice, Warwick. Inquiries to Mr R. Rothwell, tel. [illegible] 595541.

PYKE.—On March 23, LAURA ADELAIDE (nee Yvonne Betts, formerly Hazlewood), aged 92, widow of ERNEST LIONEL PYKE, F.A.I. Cremation West London Crematorium, Kensal Green, Friday, March 29, 3.45 p.m. Inquiries J. [illegible]

REEVES.—On March 23, in hospital, IRENE HILDA, widow of Jack, loved by the whole family. Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Thursday, March 28, at 1 p.m. No flowers, please.

RIDER.—On March 23, 1985, peacefully in a rest home at Wormley, Surrey, in his 92nd year, Major HENRY SAWYER RIDER, late Royal Marines, husband of the late Eleanor Collingwood (Nell), dear father of Philip, Margaret and Peter, loving grandfather and great-grandfather. Cremation at Guildford Crematorium, Friday, March 29, at 11 a.m.

ROBINSON.—On March 25, 1985, peacefully, at St Mary's Hospital, Luton, KATHLEEN VERA ROBINSON, aged 83, beloved mother of [illegible], mother-in-law of Mary and dear grandmother of Lesley and Andrew. Service to be held on Tuesday, April 2. Inquiries to S. A. Bates & Son (F.D.), 115, West Street, Dunstable 63633.

ROBINSON.—On March 22, in London, [illegible], beloved husband of Jessica (Bunty). [illegible] Crematorium [illegible] 2.30 p.m. [illegible]

ROUTLEDGE.—On March 24, 1985, at her Exmouth home, [illegible] JOYCE, dearest mother of Christopher and Susan and a much loved grandmother. Service Exeter Crematorium, Monday, April 1, at 11 a.m. Flowers and inquiries to Messrs Crews & Son, Funeral Directors, Exmouth 264751.

SANDERCOCK.—On March 25, 1985, peacefully at home, REGINALD GILBERT, aged 69 years, of Parc Venton, Wall, Hayle, Cornwall, dear brother of Iona and the late Desmond and a much loved uncle and great-uncle. Funeral service at Penmount Crematorium, Truro, on Thursday, March 28, at 3.30 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu for R.N.L.I., c/o Barclays Bank, Foundry Square, Hayle.

SARE.—On March 26, 1985, peacefully, HELENA MAUD, of Green Hedges, Tekels Park, Camberley, Surrey, dear friend of (Penny) Penfold. Funeral service on Monday, April 1, 3.30 p.m., at the Park Crematorium, Aldershot.

SCURRAH.—On March 23, 1985, at St George's Hospital, Milford-on-Sea, following a severe stroke, EMMA MARGARET, beloved wife of Eric. Cremation Bournemouth Crematorium at 3.30 p.m. Monday, April 1. Family flowers only, please.

SHEPHERD.—On March 25, PHYLLIS (Penny) (nee HOARE), of Cheltenham, at [illegible] of Hucclecote, Gloucester. Sadly missed by all the family. Funeral service at Cheltenham Crematorium Chapel on Monday, April 1, at 12.30 p.m. Family flowers only, please. If desired donations to Chest, Heart and Stroke Association, Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JE.

SMITH.—On March 24, 1985, NORAH BEVITT, of 23, London Lane, Bromley, Kent, widow of Ralph Ellis. Funeral service at St Mary's, College Road, Bromley, at 3.15 p.m., Friday, March 29. Flowers to Chappell & Sons, 468, Bromley Road, Downham, Bromley, Kent.

SNELLING.—On March 26, Air Cdr LEONARD HOWARD (Ben) SNELLING, C.B.E., A.F.C. (Retd), of 6, East Field, West Hill, Ottery St Mary, Devon, beloved husband of Kathleen and a much loved father and grandfather. Funeral service at the Exeter and Devon Crematorium on Friday, March 29, at 2.15 p.m. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to the League of Friends of Ottery Cottage Hospital, c/o Barclays Bank, Ottery St Mary.

SNOW.—On Tuesday, March 26, 1985, peacefully in Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, ALBERT SURTEES, of Saffron Walden, aged 92 years, beloved father of Doris and Ken. Funeral service at Saffron Walden Methodist Church, on Monday, April 1, at 11 a.m. Flowers may be sent to H. Peasgood & Son, Funeral Directors, Saffron Walden.

STEED.—On March 25, passed peacefully away at Kent and Canterbury Hospital, after a short illness, EUNICE, of Gordon Road, Whitstable. "Absent from the body, present with the Lord." Funeral Monday, April 1, 2 p.m., Essex Street Hall, Whitstable. Family flowers only, please. Donations if desired may be made to Gideons International, c/o W. S. Cole & Son, Monkton, near Ramsgate.

STIDOLPH.—On March 22, 1985, peacefully in hospital at Chichester, DENNIS, aged 71 years, of West Chiltington. Funeral at Marylebone Cemetery, Finchley, on Monday, April 1, at 12 noon.

STOCKER.—On March 25, peacefully at Garth Nursing Home, Dorking, Miss DOROTHY STOCKER, previously of Sunnymede, Westcott. Service, Holy Trinity, Westcott, 9.45 a.m., Friday, March 29, followed by private cremation.

STRANG.—On March 26, 1985, in Salisbury Infirmary, WILLIAM PARK (Bill), aged 73 years, of Gillingham, Dorset, much loved husband of Ann (nee Hall) and father of Andrew. Cremation private. Thanksgiving service to be announced later. Donations if desired for Dorset Masonic Charities, may be sent to Bracher Brothers, Gillingham, Dorset, tel. 2494.

STRINGER.—On March 26, 1985, NORMAN, aged 75 years, of Bramhall, Cheshire, dearly loved husband of Jean, beloved father of Jennifer and Robert and a very dear grandpa. Service at Bramhall United Reformed Church on Friday, March 29, at 9.45 a.m., prior to committal at Stockport Crematorium at 10.30 a.m. Family flowers only, please. Donations if desired to the Chest Clinic, Stepping Hill Hospital, Stockport, Cheshire. Inquiries to Ben Lloyds Ltd, tel. 061-485 3135 and Poynton 872717.

TASSART.—On March 24, suddenly and peacefully at home in West Norwood, LAVINIA, aged 78, much loved by all the family. Donations only, to King's College Hospital Scanner Appeal.

TAYLOR.—On March 25, peacefully in her sleep, in her 97th year, MARGARET IRENE, wife of the late Bishop RALPH TAYLOR, greatly loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and friend to many. Funeral service at Brdl Parish Church on Friday, March 29, at 3.15 p.m., followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the Church Missionary Society. Service of thanksgiving, in Oxford, to be arranged later.

TILTON.—On March 26, peacefully in Orpington Hospital, MARY (nee Dann), beloved wife of Garth, very dear mother and mother-in-law of Diana and Richard, Michael and Jenny and much loved granny of Matthew and Benjamin. Funeral service at All Saints' Church, Orpington, on Monday, April 1, at 3 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research Campaign, c/o National Westminster Bank, Orpington.

TINDALL.—On March 25, at the Old Tollgate Nursing Home, East Grinstead, BARBARA, wife of CHARLES TINDALL, late of Heathfield Cottage, Rotherfield and mother of Pamela Atkins. Funeral private. No flowers, please.

TINNING.—On March 26, at Totland Bay, I.o.W., CONSTANCE MAY, aged 92 years, widow of Major J. A. TINNING, much loved mother of Dormer and Judy, dear grandmother of Anthony, Charlotte, Stephen, Lucy, Simon and Katy and great-grandmother of Roxana, Jared, Davina, Emma, Rebecca, Matthew and Joshua.

TRAFFORD.—On March 24, 1985, peacefully, AGNES KATHLEEN, lately of Hampstead. Requiem Mass at 2 p.m., on Monday, April 1, at Our Lady of Dolours, Egerton Gardens, Hendon. Cremation private. No flowers at her request. R.I.P. Inquiries to A. France & Son, tel. 01-405 4901.

VICTORY.—On March 25, suddenly passed away at his home, PATRICK JOSEPH, aged 42 years, of Northridge Way, Hemel Hempstead, beloved husband and devoted father. Funeral service and Requiem Mass will take place at St Mary and Joseph's Catholic Church, Boxmoor, Hemel Hempstead, on Thursday, March 28, at 2 p.m., followed by interment at Woodwells Cemetery. Any flowers to J. Worley Funeral Directors Ltd., 1, Christchurch Road, Hemel Hempstead.

WAINWRIGHT.—On March 25, JOHN ALFRED, of the Lodge, Pinwall, Atherstone. Funeral service on Thursday, March 28, 1.30 p.m., at All Saints Church, Sheepy Magna, prior to cremation at Nuneaton Crematorium. Flowers or donations to Cancer Research may be sent to M. G. Evans, funeral directors, Grendon House, Long Street, Atherstone, Warwickshire.

WAYMAN.—On March 25, 1985, peacefully at his home, Dart Hill House, March, SIDNEY CLIFFORD, aged 94 years, very dearly loved husband of Hazel and a much loved father and grandfather. Funeral service St Mary's Church, March, Friday, March 29, 11 a.m., followed by cremation at Peterborough Crematorium, 12 noon. Flowers, please, to George James & Son, F/D, March.

WEEDON.—On March 23, 1985, peacefully after a long illness patiently borne, JAMES, of Claygate, late of National Physical Laboratory, dearly loved husband of Kathleen and father of Pat and Joy. Funeral service, Monday, April 1, at Randall's Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, at 10.30 a.m. Flowers if desired to F. W. Paine, 108, High Street, Esher.

WESLEY.—On March 23, 1985, suddenly at Cheltenham General Hospital, in her 80th year, BEE E. G. WESLEY, of Regent House, Montpellier Drive, Cheltenham, lovingly remembered by her sister and brother, sister-in-law and brother-in-law, nephews and nieces, great-nephews and nieces. Funeral at Cheltenham Crematorium, Monday, April 1, at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only, but donations to the British Arthritis and Rheumatism Association.

WESTLAKE.—On March 22, WILFRED HARVEY (The Author Wilfred Harvey), of 24, Broadwalk Court, Palace Gardens Terrace, London W8. Cremation at West London Crematorium, Kensal Green Cemetery, on Tuesday, April 2, at 1 p.m. If desired, flowers by 12 noon to John Hemp, undertakers, 2, Chepstow Corner, Chepstow Place, W2, or donations may be sent to Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, 41, Eagle Street, London WC1R 4AR.

WESTWOOD.—On March 23, peacefully in hospital, JAMES EDWARD, aged 80, of Highcliffe, Dorset, much loved husband of Ruth, father of Prue, Louise and Simon and a greatly loved grandfather. Cremation at Bournemouth Crematorium, April 2, at 2 p.m. Family flowers only. No letters, please. Donations if desired to League of Friends, Christchurch Hospital, c/o A. V. Ridout, funeral directors, 419, Lymington Road, Highcliffe, Christchurch, Dorset BH23 5EN, tel. Highcliffe 72835.

WHITFIELD.—On March 25, 1985, at Exmouth, IVY, widow of Andrew, formerly of Modreeny, Cloughjordan, Co Tipperary, mother of Heloise (dec'd) and dear sister of Leila Olive Start. Service St John in the Wilderness Church, Exmouth, on Friday, March 29, at 3 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations may be sent to the R.S.P.C.A.

WINN.—On March 26, 1985, peacefully at Arundel Hospital, ELIZABETH, aged 87 years, wife of HERBERT EWART WINN, O.B.E., of Arundel, Sussex, who died on March 21, mother of Pauline and Geoffrey. A double funeral takes place at Worthing Crematorium, Findon, on Wednesday, March 27, at 4 p.m. All flowers and inquiries please to F. A. Holland & Son, Terminus Road, Littlehampton, Sussex, tel. 717939.

WOODHEAD.—On March 23, 1985, peacefully in hospital, SYLVIA MARY WOODHEAD, aged 83 years, of Thakeham, Sussex. Service at Worthing Crematorium on Thursday, March 28, at 10.30 a.m. Inquiries to H. D. Tribe Ltd. Worthing 34516.

WRIGHT.—On March 19, at home, in her 87th year, AGNES McNAIR H. WRIGHT (Nan), wife of the late W. H. Wright and loved mother of Ruth and Jean. No letters, please.

YEO.—On March 26, 1985, in hospital at Sutton, ANITA YEO, of Rustington, Sussex, aged 66 years, dear mother of Keith, mother-in-law of Rita and Nana of Nigel and Russell. Funeral service at Worthing Crematorium, Findon, on Tuesday, April 2, at 12.30 p.m. Flowers and all inquiries, please, to F. A. Holland & Son, Terminus Road, Littlehampton, tel. 713939.

YORKE.—On March 26, at St Thomas' Hospital, MARCELLE YVONNE. Funeral service on Tuesday, April 2, 1985, at 11 a.m., at the Putney Vale Cemetery. Flowers to E. Larner & Son Ltd., 01-223 5432.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

SMITH C.J.—There will be a Memorial Service for the late Mr CHRISTOPHER SMITH on Tuesday, April 23, at St Michael's, Corn Hill, London EC3, at 12 noon.

WINN.—A Memorial Service for the Hon. REGINALD WINN will be held at the Guards Chapel on Wednesday, April 3, at 12 noon.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

HAMILTON-GAY.—A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of UNA HAMILTON-GAY (Una Venning) will be held on Wednesday, April 10, at 12 noon, St Giles' Church, Stoke Poges, Bucks.

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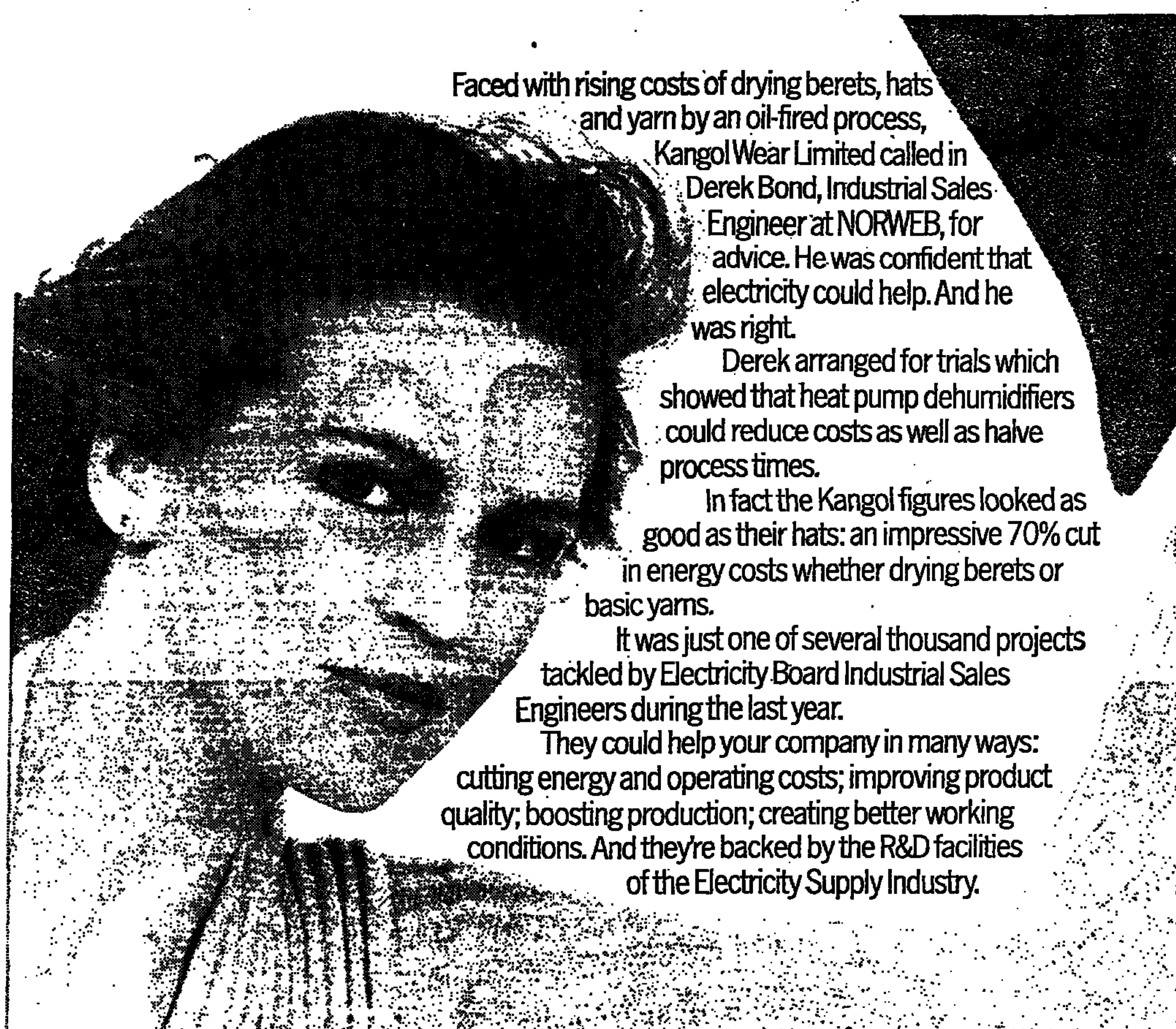
GLADSTONE, T. HUGH.—Remembering a long and loving friendship.—John and Pamela Thorne.

LUNDY, JOSEPH LESLIE, died March [illegible], 1974.—Treasured memories of my Husband. Rest in peace, my darling.—Dorothy.

RONALD, JOYCE ELIZABETH.—To my dearest wife JOYCE, on our 31st Wedding Anniversary, with my eternal love, darling.—Barry.

SHEWELL-COOPER, Dr WILFRED EDWARD.—On his 60th (Diamond Wedding) Anniversary. In memory of a much loved husband who is sadly missed by all his family.—Rene.



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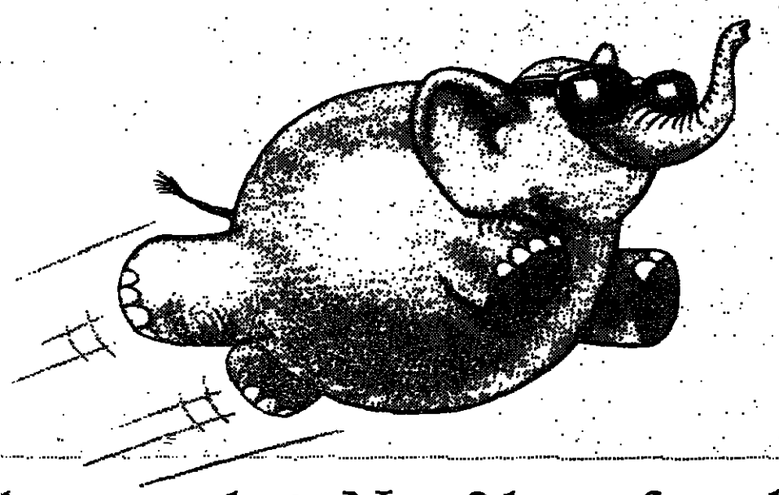

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Yesterday in Parliament

MINISTERS URGED TO ALLAY ULSTER FEARS

By PETER PRYKE Parliamentary Correspondent

BRITISH ministers should allay fears in Northern Ireland that their recent discussions with the Irish government might imperil pledges on the future of the province, Mr JAMES MOLYNEAUX, leader of the Official Unionists, told the Commons last night.

He said a speech by Dr FitzGerald, the Irish Prime Minister, on Friday, implied that the two governments were working on "novel and far-reaching proposals" for joint authority over Northern Ireland.

This and subsequent "inspired Press articles" had caused confusion and dismay in the province.

Declaring that comments by Mr Hurd, Northern Ireland Secretary, had failed to remove the anxieties, Mr Molyneaux, said the pledge that there could be no change in Ulster's constitutional position without the free and willing consent of its people had to be reaffirmed, if "disaster" was to be averted.

He criticised Mr Hurd for the ambiguity of remarks about the speculation being "overblown" and "well ahead of the game," and said that even those who cherished Foreign Office double talk had to make the position clear.

"Their opposite numbers in Dublin have put them on the spot," Mr Molyneaux said. Statements in Dublin had created a situation where words like "overblown" and "exaggeration" no longer carried any conviction or reassurance.

He said that the Prime Minister's clear response last year to the Dublin Forum report presenting options for constitutional change in Ulster had removed doubts in the province, but added: "The tactic of drift and double speak must be abandoned now if all that the Prime Minister has achieved for all the people of Northern Ireland is not to be ruthlessly torn away."

Mr Molyneaux sounded his warning during debate on a motion that the Commons should rise for its Easter recess on April 4.

Addressing Mr John Biffen, who as Leader of the House replies on a variety of subjects raised during the debate, he said that the Prime Minister's forthright statement in November had led to a dramatic change in the province.

Mr MOLYNEAUX: Pledge must be reaffirmed if disaster is to be averted.

Protestants and Roman Catholics had recognised then the futility of squabbling over something which was not going to happen and had begun to ask how they could cooperate to make Ulster a better place for all.

Tragically, that had all been put at risk by a concerted offensive by Republican politicians and certain churchmen culminating in Dr FitzGerald's speech.

'Relentless pressures'

Mr BIFFEN said he was happy to underline that there was no change in the pledge on Northern Ireland's constitutional future.

It was a commitment which had existed for more than two decades, and no more powerfully than on the lips of the Prime Minister.

"Of all our citizens, those in the province live under the most relentless pressures. It is all too easy in this Chamber and this side of the channel to lose touch with the very real anxiety which is bound to exist in the province under these pressures."

Tory critics given the bird

By Our Parliamentary Staff

AFTER describing the critical bishops as "cuckoos," Mrs THATCHER yesterday brushed aside critics of Government economic policy within her own party as "occasional grouse."

Her remarks followed a four-day debate in which several senior Conservatives, including Mr Heath, had attacked the Budget as inadequate to deal with unemployment.

Yesterday the Prime Minister was asked by Mr DEREK FATCHETT (Lab. Leeds Central) whether her reference to "cuckoos" now extended to the growing number of Conservative critics.

Mr Heath did not join the Tory laughter when Mrs Thatcher replied: "The answer is no. We have occasional grouse, but nothing else."

'Bright future'

Mr KINNOCK, referring to Mrs Thatcher's Downing Street meeting with young people, asked: "Would you look them in the eye and honestly say to them, as you did in Newcastle, that a bright, confident future beckons?"

Mrs THATCHER said she would point out that the economy was expanding, and that there was record investment and living standards. She would also tell them she hoped they would benefit from the great expansion in youth training services.

But Mr KINNOCK retorted that rhetoric about the economy would not cut the dole queues.

THATCHER DEPLORES SHOOTINGS

By Our Parliamentary Staff

GOVERNMENT condemnation over the shooting of blacks in South Africa was reinforced by Mrs THATCHER in the Commons yesterday.

It was particularly sad and deplorable that these events came just when other things seemed to be moving, she said when the matter was raised by Mr Steel, Liberal leader.

"Only a few days before we had heard that the policy, which we deeply deplored, of forced removals had been suspended," she said.

Gravely concerned

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary, had made it clear to the South African ambassador, Dr Dennis Worrall, that the Government was gravely concerned at these events on the anniversary of the Sharpesville massacre.

Mr STEEL said that 25 years on from Sharpeville, all the cosmetic improvements in South Africa did not hide the fundamental evil and injustice of apartheid.

TRIDENT BOOST FOR JOBS

By Our Parliamentary Staff

The Trident missile programme is expected to lead to an extra 30,000 jobs in the United Kingdom during its peak years, Mr ADAM BUTLER, Defence Procurement Minister, told the Commons yesterday.

He said 17,000 jobs would be created directly and a further 13,000 indirectly.

Joseph accused of unconcern over teachers' dispute

By ANTHONY LOOCH

SIR KEITH JOSEPH, Education Secretary, was attacked by the Opposition for not announcing a new peace initiative in the teachers' dispute, when he made a Commons statement about his White Paper, "Better Schools," yesterday.

He was accused of "fiddling while Rome burns."

Mr GILES RADICE, Shadow Education Secretary, said remarks by Sir Keith about partnership rang hollow in a week when the education of 500,000 schoolchildren had been disrupted by the dispute.

He said Sir Keith had himself admitted that the new proframe would be hard to achieve within existing expenditure levels.

Why therefore was the Government proposng to cut local authority education expenditure by nine per cent. in real terms over the next three years, during which time the number of pupils was expected to fall by only five per cent.?

Extremely sad

Sir KEITH replied that it was extremely sad that teachers had chosen to disrupt the schooling of millions of children.

"The teachers' unions seem to be in the business of rejecting. They have rejected a pay offer, they have rejected arbitration, and have refused even to take part in a discusion on structure and appraisal," he added.

Mr RADICE: Hollow ring to remarks about partnership.

Earlier, in his statement, he said the Government's principal aims were to raise the standards achieved by pupils of all abilities, and secure the best possible return for the resources invested in school education.

Sir Keith said: "Much of what needs to be done is neither a question of money, nor of action by the Government alone. The education system is a partnership.

"Each partner has important responsibilities which the Government intends to preserve. Each can do his job effectively only with the help of the other.

Common endeavour

"The Government believes that co-operation and professional commitment will continue to be the norm within the education system.

"We believe that local education authorities, the churches and other voluntary bodies, governors, teachers, parents, employers and all others will join in the common endeavour to make standards of achievement and behaviour at every school as good as they can be, and need to be in the interests of the pupils and our national future."

In reply to Mr Radice's criticism of the proposed spending cuts, Sir Keith said that proposals were at present only provisional.

Mrs ELAINE KELLETT-BOWMAN (C, Lancaster) said the vast majority of people would be very pleased with the White Paper.

Mr NIGEL SPEARING (Lab., Newham S.) said real partnership could only be achieved by negotiation, not coercion.

Sir Keith's attitude to teachers showed that he did not understand the teaching service. He should not have introduced the White Paper while schools were closed because of a dispute which was his fault.

Mr RADICE said there was nothing really new in the White Paper.

Sir Keith must understand that there was no way in which he could achieve his plans without the support of the teaching profession, and the time was right for him to undertake another initiative in the teachers' dispute.

Forces' legal bar attacked

MPs from all sides of the Commons yesterday protested about the legal provision barring Servicemen from suing the Crown for negligence.

The attack was led by Mr JACK ASHLEY (Lab., Stoke-on-Trent S.), who demanded the repeal of Section 10 of the Crown Proceedings Act.

He protested, during a short debate, that Servicemen injured during their normal peacetime duties were entitled only to compensation and statutory benefits and were unable to win damages. He complained: "It is the deprivation of basic human rights."

Mr Ashley scorned the Defence Ministry argument that allowing Servicemen to sue would "encourage indiscipline." He said comparable public servants, police and firemen, were able to sue for negligence.

He cited cases of three young Servicemen who had been killed and another who had been seriously injured, and said abolition of the Section should be made retrospective.

He was backed by Mr PETER VIGGERS (C., Gosport) who quoted the case of one of his constituents who fell from a platform into the sea and was entitled only to the normal Armed Forces compensation and was "deprived of the opportunity of getting what would undoubtedly be hundreds of thousands of pounds were he able to sue through the courts."

There was also support from Mr Paddy Ashdown (Lib., Yeovil), a former Royal Marines captain.

Today in Parliament

HOUSE OF LORDS

2.30: Debates on the railway system and on starvation in the Third World.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

2.30: Local Government Bill, remaining stages; Rate Support Grant (Scotland) (No. 2) Order.

£95,000 ARMS JOB DEFENDED

By WILLIAM WEEKES Parliamentary Staff

THE appointment of Mr Peter Levene as Chief of Defence Procurement at a salary of £95,000 a year was defended by the Government against renewed criticism from the Opposition in the Commons yesterday.

Mr JOHN LEE, Defence Procurement Under Secretary, produced a "certain precedent" from the last Labour Government for the appointment of Mr Levene, former chairman of the United Scientific Holdings Group which supplies arms to the Defence Ministry.

"The Labour administration in 1969 appointed a certain Mr Leslie Norfolk, a former director of the heavy organic chemical division of ICI, as chief executive of the Royal Dockyards at a salary of £11,000 a year, considerably above the then going rate for a permanent secretary of £8,600."

Mr Lee added that Dr Owen, the then Under Secretary for the Royal Navy, had taken a "very close and supportive interest" in the appointment.

Last week in the Commons Dr Owen called on Mrs Thatcher to withdraw Mr Levene's appointment, claiming it was "compromising the integrity of the Civil Service."

Well qualified

Mr GORDON BROWN (Lab., Dunfermline E) demanded to know what role Mr Levene would have in awarding contracts "to his friends in the Defence Manufacturers' Association in which he was so recently a senior office bearer."

But Mr LEE retorted that Mr Levene, who had an outstanding record in the private sector, was extremely well qualified for his new job.

He had severed all connections with his former companies and divested himself of all shareholdings.

The Ministry spent something like £1 million an hour on procurement, and it needed only a very small improvement in approach to purchasing brought about by the involvement of Mr Levene to more than recoup his salary.

Mr DENZIL DAVIES, Shadow Defence Secretary, criticised Mr Lee's attempts to justify the appointment as "pathetic."

The Opposition objected to this attempt to bring someone who was an arms salesman into government when the relationship between government and defence manufacturers was at the best of times so close and symbiotic.

Mr DALE CAMPBELL-SAVOURS (Lab, Workington) referred to two companies, Aish, of Poole, and Dowty Rotol, of Cheltenham, which, he said, had fired employees who refused to keep quiet about cheating the Defence Ministry over contracts.

Mr LEE said he would look into these cases, and negotiations with both comoanies were proceeding. "The MoD police, certainly in the latter case, are examining the papers," he added.

'MUCH TRADE TO BE DONE' WITH CHINA

By WALTER ABURN Parliamentary Staff

THE impression that there was much business to be done between Britain and China on normal commercial terms had been gained by Lord YOUNG of GRAFFHAM during his recent visit to Peking, he told peers yesterday.

Lord Young, Minister Without Portfolio, said at Question Time in the Lords that he was confident that the trade mission he headed had made an important contribution to future development of trade and economic cooperation between the two countries.

A number of agreements were signed by members of the mission and all of them entered into discussions in areas where they hoped to do substantial business in future.

Chinese delegations had arrived here since his return home and those who accompanied him now had follow-through teams in China.

Lord Young said he would be ensuring that proper follow-up was provided. He hoped that projects would reach a conclusion in a matter of months.

Private members' measures passed

Peers gave third readings to and passed the Licensing (Amendment) Bill and the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Bill, two private members' measures piloted through by Lord Harmar-Nicholls and Lord Newall

During third reading debate on the Administration of Justice Bill, the Lord Chancellor accepted amendments moved on behalf of the Law Society to amend regulations providing for the updating of the Solicitors' Roll. This Bill was also passed.

Lead weights plea

A petition asking the Lords to introduce legislation to ban the sale and use of lead weights on fishermen's lines on fresh water rivers, lakes and reservoirs in the United Kingdom was presented on behalf of Eton Town Council by Lord Charteris (Ind.) Provost of Eton and former Private Secretary to the Queen.

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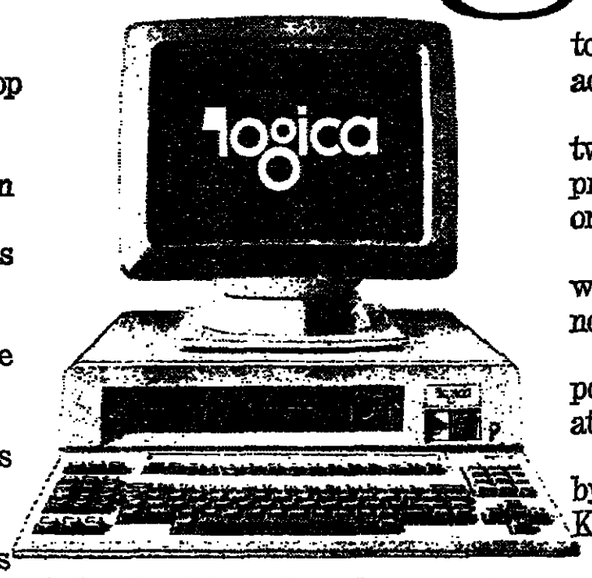

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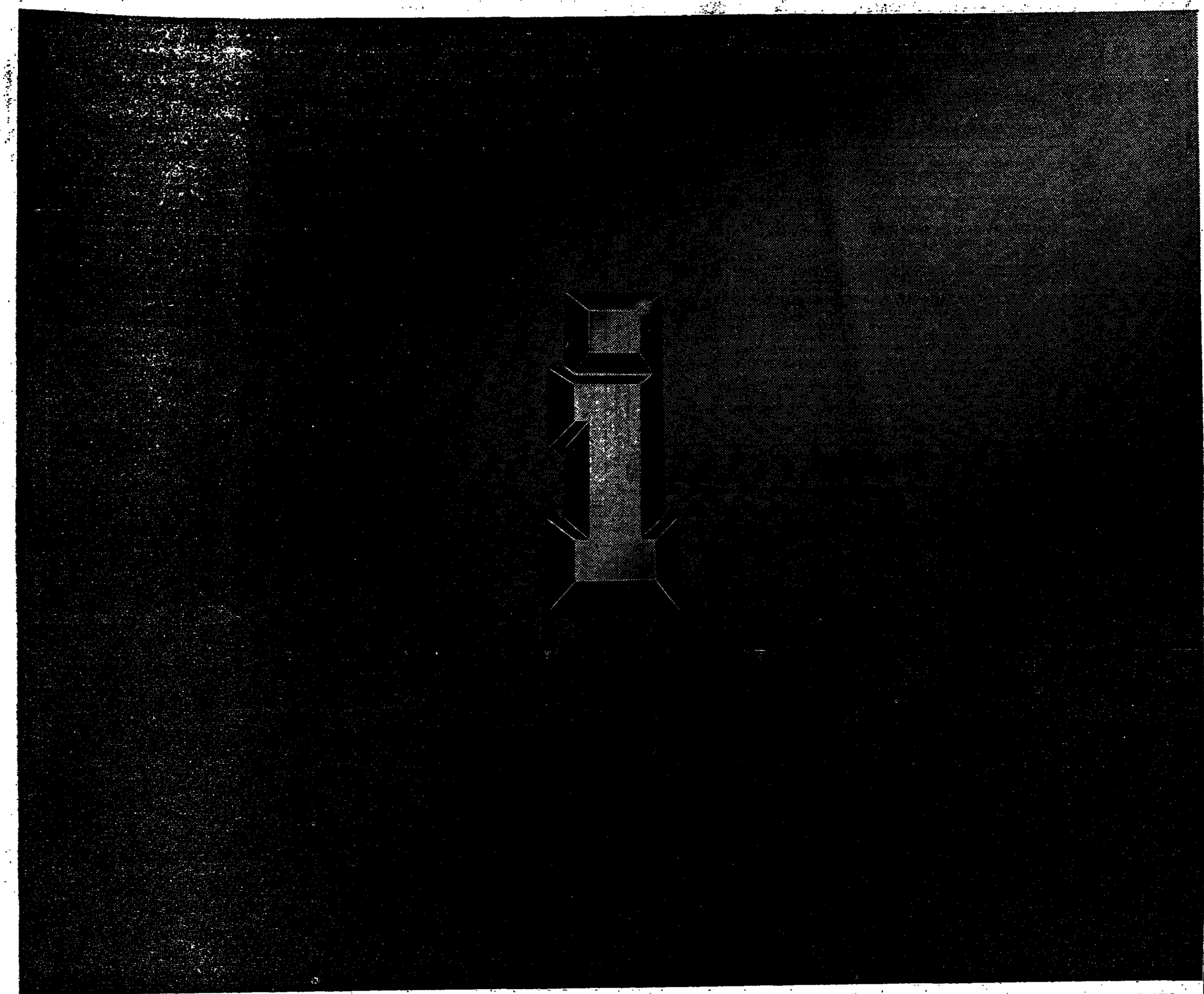

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THEATRE / 'Wonderful Town'

Young at art, but lively

"WONDERFUL TOWN" may not be as wonderful a musical comedy as the admirers of Leonard Bernstein would wish. But the memory of its production in London 30 years ago is still green enough to make the revival at the **Guildhall School of Music and Drama** sentimentally attractive.

And the charming precision with which the students set about this Broadway warhorse takes the breath away, like the leading character Eileen who turns up on the manhunt in New York in 1938 with a literary sister from Ohio.

Why, oh why did they ever leave Ohio? The signature tune supplies the theme of a book by Joseph Fields and Jerome Chodorov from their play "My Sister Eileen" which tends to drag compared to Bernstein's songs and the lyrics of Betty Comden and Adolph Green.

In other words, however glad we are to see the show again and however admirably these young people stage it under the firm direction of Martin Connor, this is no masterpiece. But it does foreshadow masterly things to come like "West Side Story" which came only five years later; and for the two heroines up from the sticks and determined to make their names in New York, the scope and zest and contrast in personality create general delight.

We must remember it is 1938 when man did not make passes at girls in glasses. So it's only a matter of time before Jaye Griffiths takes hers off and charms not only the Brazilian navy but the rest of Greenwich Village as well as us.

As her luridly less inhibited sister, Maggie O'Neill has all the Irish cops at her beck and call with her perpetual bossy smile and raucus instinct for teasing any man in sight. And it is perhaps this noisy, self-conscious vitality and vulgarity which seemed a bit much for the British in 1955.

There are some wonderful moments in "Wonderful Town": from "Pass the football" to "Wrong Note Rag." The melodies of Bernstein linger on. And these students manage all of the show's business, in a useful setting by Terence Emery, with generally brilliant timing.

But the abiding appeal of the evening lies in the composer's art which we sense getting into its Broadway stride with its melodious or dissonant experiments and sheer adventurism of the score.

The only depressing side of the entertainment was the usual dismal dependence on throat microphones. If actors are now supplied with them at birth, who can blame their elders for succombing to them? Musical Directors: John Owen Edwards and Michael and Michael Haslem. The show moves to the Cambridge Arts Theatre next week.

Eric Shorter

MUSIC / Russia's night

TWO Russian works originating in the 1860s framed Monday's **Barbican** concert. Moreover, both works were written at identical points in their respective composers' careers, and both had some initial difficulty in making headway before the concert-going public of the day. For, while Mussorgsky was unsuccessfully trying to persuade Balakirev to perform his "Night on the Bare Mountain," Tchaikovsky was having similar trouble with Anton Rubinstein over his First Symphony.

Nowadays, both works have, to a greater or lesser degree, been absorbed into the repertory, and indeed the recent trend has been to return to the tough, starkly austere original version of the "Bare Mountain" which Balakirev so chastised but which has been heard to have an elemental power all its own.

However, as Yury Temirkanov and the B B C Symphony Orchestra showed, Rimsky-Korsakov's later recasting of the score, through which the piece first became widely known, is by no means redundant, and can be made to sound as exciting, as forceful, as orchestrally brilliant as Rimsky had hoped.

More than that, Mr Temirkanov properly allowed the music to relax into sumptuous repose in its final dream-like sequences, just as in the slow movement of the Tchaikovsky symphony he did not baulk at taking the music at a true, broadly sustained and reflective Adagio. Elsewhere, he whipped up playing of tremendous vigour and freshness, as much in the Tchaikovsky as in Sibelius's Violin Concerto. Here, though, the soloist Ernst Kovacic seemed ill at ease and was perhaps having an off night, for his playing, while secure enough in its idiomatic sweep, was marred (a memory lapse apart) by moments of uncertain intonation and an insufficiently telling exploration of the score's dynamic shadings.

Geoffrey Norris

Detail from "St Philip and St James."

TELEVISION / Oscar

Not so Wilde about Oscar

HARDLY had "Bosie" been introduced at the famous house in Tite Street last night when the host began quoting himself. "My dear Lord Alfred, there is only one thing in the world worse than being talked about, and that is not being talked about," Oscar Wilde began. This was 1891, the year in which "The Picture of Dorian Gray" was published, and the author evidently knew it by heart.

It is known that Lord Alfred Douglas, then an Oxford undergraduate, was instantly entranced by the quality of Wilde's conversation. Clearly John Hawkesworth had a problem in matching this for his Oscar (B B C-2), the trilogy which continues tonight and on Thursday evening. But the great man would surely have thought it bad manners to rely so heavily on his own published lines.

One wise epigram this Oscar does not repeat in the three plays is that "a little sincerity is a dangerous thing, and a great deal of it is absolutely fatal." This enterprise is very sincere. It abides in general by the biographical findings of H. Montgomery Hyde, and its respectful care to avoid prurience and wild leaps of imagination makes for drama more waxwork than animated.

The opening play finds Wilde aged 37, already a glittering literary and social success, contentedly married and a doting father of two children. It is implied, very questionably, that the homosexual side of his nature was only activated when his doctor advised that the syphilis contracted in youth still lingered, and that physical expression of his love for his wife should cease.

While theatrical success happens in the margin the main concern is the friendship with the beautiful and selfish Bosie, and the resulting fatal quarrel with Lord Alfred's father the crazed Marquis of Queensbury. The Marquis alleges sodomy, Mr Hawkesworth prefers a friendship in the platonic mode. A decent veil is drawn over the mutual masturbation admitted in Bosie's 1929 autobiography.

It is further implied that Bosie's dislike of physical contact led Oscar directly to the rent boys who provided the evidence of indecent acts between consenting adults in private on which he was arrested — though the brothel which Wilde patronised was, of course, sanitised. It is a kind of achievement to make this story as inoffensive as an episode from "Upstairs, Downstairs."

I hope to return to the trilogy as a whole, and Henry Herbert's direction of it, on Friday. Suffice it to add here that, though it is no Oscar winner, it gradually becomes more involving and poignant. And that Michael Gambon's mild portrait of what he calls "a sweet, kind man" in the title role is finally justified. He is the best reason for watching.

The only thing against costume shows which have nothing new to say about familiar stories is that they may use resources which in the "golden age" of television drama, fondly recalled by part seven of Granada's Television (I T V), might have been allotted to plays which explored present concerns. Leslie Woodhead's "Playpower" could almost have been called "The Rise and Fall of the Single Play."

As always in this series the American experience dominated, but the early demise of the "golden age" when bland Hollywood took over by market force from sharp-edged New York should serve as a warning about what is happening more gradually here. Elsewhere in this compilation I was mainly tantalised by the wealth of good talkers never allowed by the editor to string more than two sentences together.

Sean Day-Lewis

ART / Ireland points to the gaps

GIVEN THE population of Ireland there can be no doubt that the National Gallery in Dublin is the most remarkable collection owned by any country of remotely comparable size. Of this we are reminded by the exhibition "Masterpieces from the National Gallery of Ireland" opening today at the **National Gallery, in Trafalgar Square.**

To see paintings of the quality of the 35 which, until May 27, are on view in London is always a delight. Yet this is also an exhibition which raises a very serious point. It concerns a weakness in the National Gallery here in London.

Some of the greatest names in European art are represented. Thus, with rare generosity, Dublin have lent London fine works by Titian and Veronese, El Greco and Poussin, Rembrandt, and, not to ignore the most recent picture on view, a Nolde of 1915, which reminds us just how fine he could be.

This underlines a point which needs to be emphasised. Private generosity and the knowledge and discernment of the staff at the National Gallery have built up a wonderful collection, but we can now see that it has a grievous weakness.

Wider knowledge and many exhibitions, along with much research carried out since the last World War make it clear that the National Gallery's representation of Italian painting after the Renaissance is alarmingly weak.

The selection that has been made from the National Gallery of Ireland emphasises this.

We should be all the more grateful to the National Gallery of Ireland for letting us see many of their most beautiful pictures.

Terence Mullaly

Shining brass

THE existence of the Philip Jones Brass Quintet has extended the repertory for the medium out of recognition, as was once again shown by the group's programme at the **Wigmore Hall** on Monday. Here, having their first London performances, were two works by active composers, although only one was written expressly for the P J B Q.

This was Michael Berkeley's "Music from Chaucer," originally intended as incidental music for a Radio 3 series. It has five movements, each characterising a poem by Chaucer. A valse triste describing "The Grieving Queen" in suitably mournful sounds and a lively tune for "The Watchful Poet" are only the best of several attractive inventions. The briefest is the amusing "Fanfare for a Huntsman." All the movements are as resourceful as one would expect from Berkeley.

Elgar Howarth's Quintet, "The American," composed for a Pennsylvania University group, is a more serious affair. A concentrated, closely argued and textured opening movement is followed by a sombre, mysterious Lento, after which the piece rather loses its way in desultory writing. It is, however, throughout written with a full understanding of the techniques of the five instruments, as one would expect from a former brass player, and it requires a deal of virtuoso execution, which it duly received.

Mr Howarth also made the arrangement of pieces by the 16th-century composer Henry VIII, but these royal trifles were out-shone by three splendid dances from the 17th-century Samuel Scheidt.

Alan Blyth

BALLET / Soulful steps

MUCH OF the dancing in last night's performance by the Royal Ballet at **Covent Garden** was depressingly sedate: but there were two performances which stood out boldly, showing clearly the marvellous quality which Russians call *dusha* ("soul").

George Balanchine did not demand of his dancers that they should perform expressively: what he did exact was that they perform the steps correctly. On the other hand, he did not object if leading dancers showed individuality and personality, and Fiona Chadwick did just this in the leading rôle of "Ballet Imperial," reigning over the stage like a queen—notwithstanding the ludicrous little feathers which the designer, Christopher Le Brun, had sticking up from her minitiara.

One thinks of Tchaikovsky as a romantic composer, but the first movement of his piano concerto No. 2 is not blatantly romantic, and Chadwick chose to dance in this movement in a steely way, stressing the strong influence of Petipa on Balanchine.

Her face is very well suited to the stage, but it is far from romantic, and in the slow, romantic second movement, with its long violin melodies, Chadwick achieved a fascinating effect by keeping some steeliness in her legs and arms, but bending her long neck in a beautifully fluid and romantic way.

Fernau Hall

Sports spoof

IT IS not the verbal humour but the strenuous physicality which made such a success of John Godber's "Up 'n' Under," the splendid sporting spoof which has now arrived at the **Fortune.** After its London debut last year, the play won the Laurence Olivier Award for the comedy of the year.

It tells how, for a bet, a determined trainer takes over the fortunes of a gormless seven-a-side rugby team with an unbroken record of defeat, and brings it about that they win a victory over the best side in Yorkshire.

The men's hearty banter was mildly amusing, but the joy of the production (which I saw at the Donmar Warehouse) lay in the exercises undergone by the team under the supervision of a girl gymnast (Sarah Harper) and finally in the great game at the climax, when the two sides are both played by the same actors.

The author's ingenious direction, the use of slow motion and other theatrical tricks, turned this simple comedy into an unusual and even spectacular stage spectacle.

John Barber

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The Chancellor and company cars

ONE OF the motor industry lobbies that the Chancellor, Mr Lawson, chose to ignore in his Budget was a proposal for changes in the engine capacity brackets affecting the personal tax paid by users of company cars.

Austin Rover in particular was hoping that the middle capacity limit would be increased from the existing 1800cc to 2000cc. While manufacturers like Ford, Vauxhall and B M W have been developing new engines that slot in just below the 1800cc break point, Austin Rover has nothing between the 1·6-litre "S" engine, as used in the Maestro, Montego and new Rover 216, and the 2-litre "O" series engine fitted to the high performance M G, etc., versions of the Maestro, Montego and S D 1 Rover 2000.

It seems that the original 1·7-litre version of the "O" series engine, as used in the Ital/Marina, was not as satisfactory as the 2-litre for development as a performance engine, with electronic fuel injection or turbocharging. But a more urgent reason for the tax change will emerge next year when the British group launches the diesel version of the engine, which has been developed with Perkins.

This is an advanced direct injection design which promises exceptional economy, even by diesel standards, with good performance, but again it is based on the 2-litre engine. Ford is also expected to bring in a 2·5 litre Peugeot diesel engine for the new Granada next year.

Clearly, these engines ought to be encouraged but it is going to be a bit hard on the company car driver who has to take one only to find that his personal tax liability has been significantly increased as a result. (Alternatively, however, they could be especially attractive to motorists running their own cars on a mileage allowance linked to engine capacity).

So even if the Chancellor can't bring himself to change the c.c. ratings for petrol cars, there could be a case for setting different categories for diesel models.

Partly because of the heavy demand for heating oils this winter, aggravated by the coal strike, prices of diesel fuel almost caught up with petrol, but in the past few days, the gap has widened again. Even with nearly similar fuel prices, the extra mileage of the diesel car should still make it the more economic choice for the high mileage motorist.

Another factor, I was told when I visited British Car Auctions' headquarters on the day after the Budget, is that used diesel cars are now fetching much better prices than similar high mileage petrol models.

"Diesels are the big story now," said B C A's sales director, Mr Tom Madden. "Yet we still get lots of two-year-old petrol models coming in with 40,000 miles or more on the clock. Realistically, these people should be running diesel cars now."

Mitsubishi Galant—turbo diesel engine as option.

Although diesels are more costly to produce, the gap should narrow as a result of the forthcoming more stringent control of exhaust emissions. Diesel cars should not need the expensive catalytic converters that many petrol cars will have to fit, while the resulting performance drop in these "muffled" petrol models will also reduce their acceleration advantage over the diesel.

Putting a turbocharger on the diesel engine reduces the performance gap still further though it raises the price, of course. I have been trying a particularly spritely example, the Mitsubishi Colt Galant which, incidentally, also comes within the 1800cc company car tax bracket.

This roomy, medium sized saloon, with its 82 bhp turbo diesel engine capable of 103 mph, was more than a match on the road for most petrol cars, yet was still averaging nearly 45 mpg in mixed use. It costs £8,639 but an option pack including electric windows and electrically operated sun-roof, central locking and headlamp washers, is available for £960 more. Like most diesels, it is still noisy when idling, but smooths out at speed.

It handles well, though it still suffers occasionally from the slightly restless ride typical of many Japanese cars.

Another little Rover

AUSTIN ROVER could have a success on their hands with the latest version of the small Rovers. A few hours at the wheel of the new models indicated that they are significantly improved compared with the basic 1·3 versions launched last year, though a final assessment must await a full road test.

I tried both the 103 bhp Vitesse five-speed manual, which felt very lively, and the similarly powered Vanden Plas version, with the smooth and quiet ZF four-speed automatic. Both use the electronic fuel injection version of the British 'S' series 1·6-litre engine. Although perhaps not quite as smooth as the exceptionally sweet smaller Honda 12-valve, it is a generally refined and resonsive unit with a good reputation for fuel economy.

Both cars are nicely trimmed and finished, with the obligatory walnut door strips and in the case of the Vanden Plas, leather upholstery. Development work on the rear suspension appears to have eliminated the high speed floppiness of the original model, especially in the Vitesse, with its rear anti-roll bar and chunky-looking new Pirelli P8. The grip seemed outstandingly good though I fear the car would still not win a prize for ride comfort—it felt bumpy at times.

With the front seats right back, rear legroom is a bit restricted but boot space is reasonable. However, not everyone wants a big car, and the latest Anglicised mini Rovers should appeal to motorists seeking a compact but lively car with a touch of traditional British class and good fuel economy.

BMW's fuel-injected 'superbike'

MOTOR CYCLE sales have been in the doldrums for some time but one of the exceptions at the quality end of the market has been the expensive but well made BMW machines. My colleague CHARLES LAURENCE, an ardent motor cyclist has been trying the latest versions of the famous BMW twins, which have just arrived in Britain. *He writes:*

The motorcycle division of BMW has launched a new version of their venerable "boxer twin" model following the success of its all-new four-cylinder fuel-injected "superbike" last year.

BMW, who made motorcycles before cars, is now established as the leading European manufacturer to have survived the Japanese onslaught of the '60s and '70s.

The two new 800cc twins just launched, one touring model with a full fairing, the other in basic trim, can trace their design roots back to 1921 when BMW produced the first "boxer."

Liberated from the need to compete against the Japanese with the twin in the horsepower race, BMW has actually cut the power to 50 bhp — the K makes 90 — to fit the lower German insurance bracket and it has produced the smoothest, quietest and most flexible "boxer" yet.

The traditional engine has been housed in a chassis incorporating the modern technology of the "K" with single-strut suspension at the rear and heavily braced, firmly damped telescopic forks in front.

The result is a delight to ride, proving once more that the old motorcycling virtues of light weight, low centre of gravity and a flat torque curve rather than high peak power can more than equal the on-the-road pleasures of the 120 bhp, 150 mph "superbike."

BMW expect to sell four of the twins to every six of the four-cylinder machines. They are aimed at consolidating the traditional BMW market while the "K" does battle with the Japanese and many will find that the smaller motorcycle is in fact a better machine on both the city street and the twisting "A" road.

BMWs, usually some 30 per cent more expensive than the Oriental equivalent, have become the machines favoured by the experienced rider—hence their popularity with the police who have to ride in all weathers —and the choice of the executive who wishes to ride to work in a pin-stripe suit.

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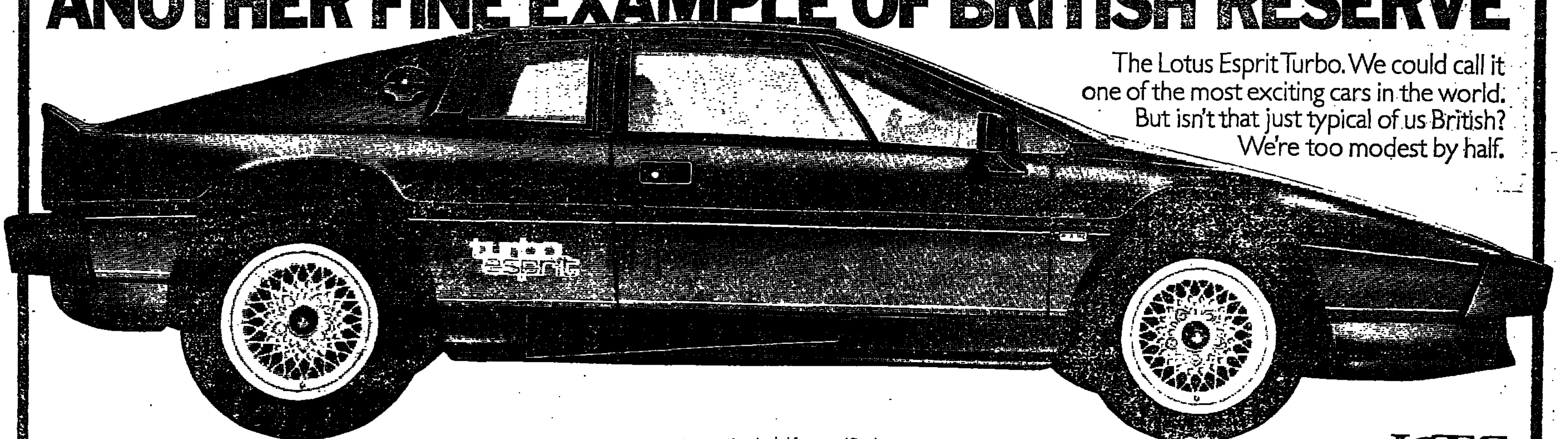

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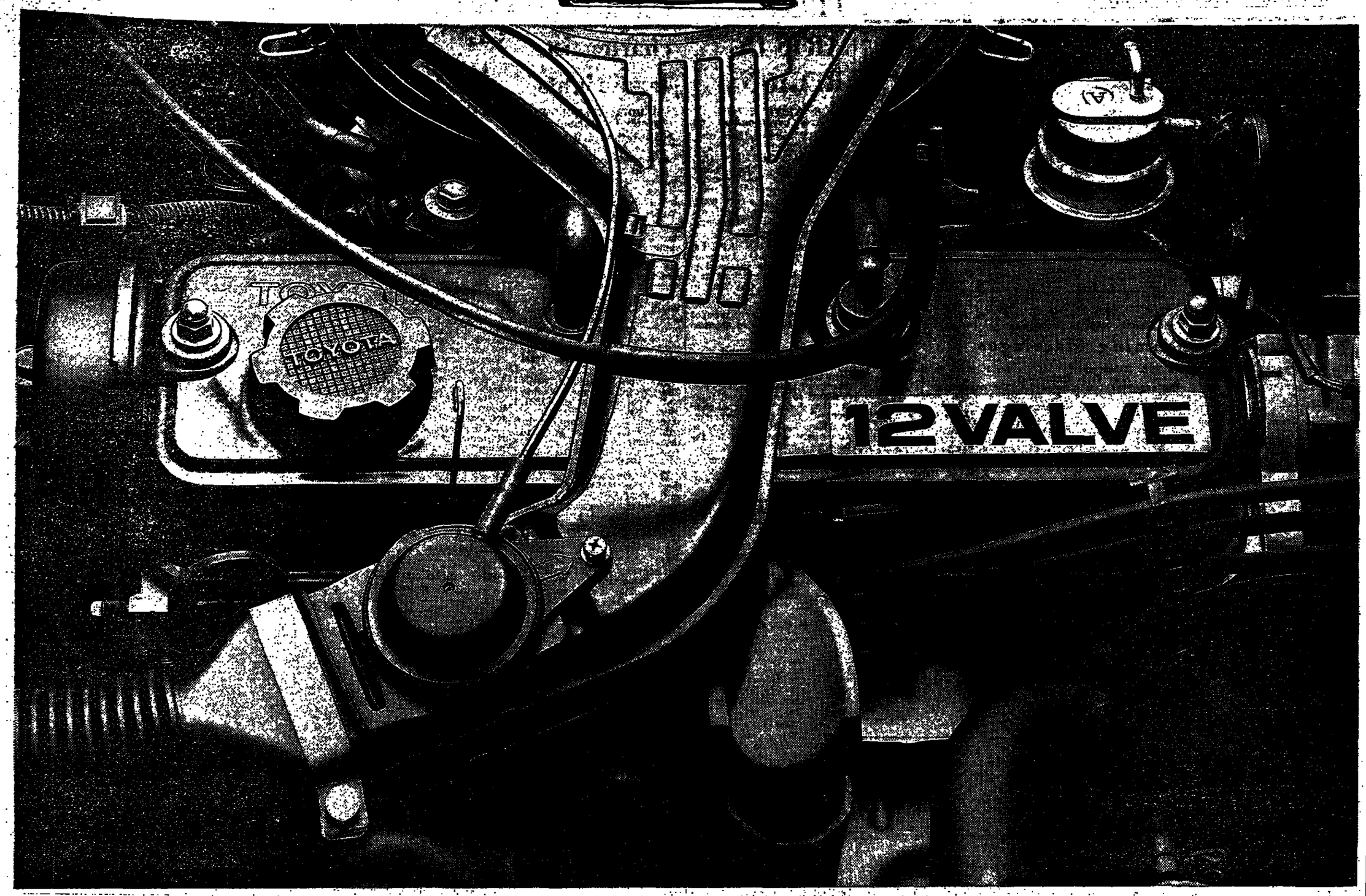

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Court Circular

KENSINGTON PALACE,
March 26.

The Prince of Wales, Colonel, Welsh Guards, left Dyce Airport this morning in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight for the Federal Republic of Germany where his Royal Highness will visit the 1st Battalion in Hohne.

Major Jack Stenhouse and Capt. Simon Stephenson were in attendance.

The Princess of Wales, President, Dr Barnardo's, this evening attended a Fashion Show given by Bruce Oldfield in aid of Dr Barnardo's at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, W.1.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith, Mr Victor Chapman and Lieut-Cmdr. Peter Eberle, R.N., were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE,
March 26.

The Duke of Gloucester this afternoon opened the Harpur Trust Exhibition of Building Projects 1974-84 at the Harpur Suite, Bedford.

Lt-Col Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester this afternoon visited the Annual British Exhibition of Fine Jewellery and Sterling Silver at Goldsmiths' Hall, London.

Mrs Michael Wigley was in attendance.

The Queen will attend a reception to be held by the Royal Entomological Society of London on May 30, to mark the centenary of the granting of its Royal Charter.

Princess Anne will open the first international conference on Health Education in Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting, at Harrogate Conference Centre, North Yorkshire, on May 21.

A memorial service for Sir Iain Moncrieffe of that Ilk, Q.C., will be held at the Guards Chapel today at noon.

A memorial service for Mr Christopher Phillpotts will be held at St Martin-in-the-Fields, London, W.C.2, on Tuesday, April 23, at 11.30 a.m.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Sir Douglas Logan is 75 today; Mr James Callaghan, M.P., is 73; Sir Archibald Hope 73; Mr Julian Amery, M.P., 66; Mr Victor Hochhauser 62; Sir Henry Plumb, M.E.P., 60; Mr David Hancock 51; and the Earl of Suffolk 50.

Forthcoming Marriages

The Hon. Charles Ironside and the Hon. Elizabeth Law

The engagement is announced between Charles, only son of Lord and Lady Ironside, and Elizabeth Mary, elder daughter of Lord Coleraine and of Mrs John Poë.

Dr A. J. M. Murdoch and Miss J. M. Moreton

The engagement is announced between Alastair, elder son of Mr and Mrs Robert Murdoch, of Glasgow, and Janet, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Moreton, of Handforth, Cheshire.

Mr J. P. B. Brewin and Miss E. A. Gray

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, elder son of Mr Paul Brewin and the late Mrs Elizabeth Pepperell Brewin, O.B.E., and stepson of Mrs Mary (Pushy) Brewin, of Kingskettle Lodge, Shaftesbury, Dorset, and Elspeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas F. Gray, of Southampton, Bermuda.

Mr M. J. Utley and Miss S. A. B. Shield

The engagement is announced from Hongkong between Michael, son of the late Rev. Dr and Mrs K. H. Utley, of Pyrton, Oxfordshire, and Sally, daughter of the late A. L. Sheild, F.R.C.S., and of Mrs G. M. Sheild, of Heathfield, Sussex.

Mr C. T. Tracey and Miss S. M. Fry

The engagement is announced between Christopher Thomas, son of Mr and Mrs T. Tracey, Kirkintilloch, Glasgow, Scotland, and Susan Margaret, daughter of the Rev. J. R. and Mrs Fry, The Vicarage, Chalk, near Gravesend, Kent.

Mr R. I. Molson and Miss V. R. Cayzer

The engagement is announced between Ian, third son of Mr William M. Molson, of Montreal, Canada, and Mrs Mary E. Hodgson, of Toronto, Canada, and Verena, youngest daughter of the Hon. Anthony Cayzer and the late Hon. Mr Cayzer, of Great Westwood, Kings Langley, Hertfordshire.

Mr A. G. Miller and Miss F. J. Duke

The engagement is announced between Andrew George, eldest son of Mr and Mrs George Miller, of Everreach Park Farm, Somerset, and Fiona Jane, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs John R. Duke, of Frithsden Copse, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.

Mr M. V. Stanbury and Miss A. J. Callum

The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of Mr and Mrs R. V. M. Stanbury, of Peasmarsh, East Sussex, and Alison, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs W. D. Callum, of Dene Park, Tonbridge, Kent.

Mr R. F. A. Dobbs and Miss A. X. W. Greer

The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R. A. F. Dobbs, of Castle Dobbs, Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim, and Ana, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A. H. C. Greer, of Woodville, Lurgan, Co. Armagh.

Mr P. H. de la Force and Miss C. S. Cator

The engagement is announced between Piers, younger son of Mr Martin de la Force, of Montevideo, Uruguay, and Mrs Falaise de la Force, of 3, Herbert Cresecent, S.W.1, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Cator, of Paxton House, Blockley, Gloucestershire.

Mr J. R. M. Hendry and Miss F. Hindmarsh

The engagement is announced between John Robert Miles, son of Mr and Mrs S. R. W. Hendry, of Grantown-on-Spey, Morayshire, and Fiona, daughter of the late Mr F. B. Hindmarsh and of Mrs B. Galbraith, of Hastings, New Zealand.

Mr C. D. R. Collinge and Miss S. D. Hinde

The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs Mark Collinge, of Longridge, Lancashire, and Sara, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Hinde, of Wicklewood, Wymondham, Norfolk.

Mr A. C. Weech and Miss A. J. Cooper

The engagement is announced between Anthony Colin, only son of Mrs Pamela Weech, of Harrow and Amanda Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Cooper, of Shaftesbury, Dorset.

DINNERS

Langbourn Ward Club

The Lord Mayor, Sir Alan Traill, President of the Langbourn Ward Club, and the Lady Mayoress, Lady Traill, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, were present at a dinner given by the Club last night at the Mansion House. The Chairman, Mr Deputy John S. Henderson, and Mrs Henderson, and Mr and Mrs Hugh Stebbing received the guests. The principal guest speaker was Ald, Allan Davis.

International Maritime Industries Forum

A dinner of the International Maritime Industries Forum was held last night at the Inn on the Park, London, preceding the Full Forum Meeting. Mr James Davis, the Chairman, presided. There were present:

The Norwegian Ambassador; Mr J. P. Butcher, M.P., Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Trade and Industry; Mr C. P. Srivastava; Mr J. H. Stevens, Liberian Charge d'Affaires; Mr H. Granqvist, Minister Plenipotentiary, Swedish Embassy; Mme Pan Yoazhua, 1st Secretary (Commercial), Chinese Embassy; M. J. Marc, Maritime Counsellor, French Embassy; Sir Peter Baldwin; Mr J. N. Black; Sir Antony Buck, Q.C., M.P.; Mr C. R. Chatterton; Mr A. R. C. B. Cooke; Mr I. Graham Day; Sir James Dunnett; Mr J. L. C. Greig; Adml Sir Anthony Griffin; Mr A. G. Hatchett; Mr H. Imamura; Mr J. Jahre, Snr; Mr H. J. Kruse; Mr P. Le Cheminant; Mr M. Manghani; Mr K. Morrva; Mr T. J. Parker; Mr A. Piatt; Mr H. Roupllas; Mr D. Ropner; Mr W. B. Slater; Mr K. Stuart; Dr J. H. de la Trobe; Mr N. Trotter, M.P.; Adml D. Vassiliades; and Mr R. Wolmann.

Durbar Club

Members of the Durbar Club held a dinner on Monday evening at the Cavalry and Guards Club when Mr John Cope, M.P., Treasurer of Her Majesty's Household, was chief guest and speaker. The Chairman of the Club, Mr Narindar Saroop, presided. Other guests were Sir Anthony Grant, M.P., Mr Hal Miller, M.P., and Mr Martin Stevens, M.P.

English-Speaking Union

Mr John Szemery, Chairman of the English-Speaking Union of Belgium, was host at a dinner given last night at the Auberge des Chapeliers, Brussels, for delegates attending the 1985 English-Speaking Union Symposium on the Lomé Convention.

MILLFIELD SCHOLARSHIPS

The following have been awarded academic and music scholarships at Millfield School from September 1985:

Academic Scholars: A. Bootham, Millfield Junior School; K. C. Bond, Millfield Junior School; E. M. Loo, Millfield Junior School; O. M. [illegible], Millfield Junior School; J. [illegible], Millfield Junior School; C. L. [illegible], Millfield Junior School; R. C. [illegible], St Bee's, Cumbria; N. J. Petr, Millfield Junior School; K. A. Preller, [illegible] School for Girls, Somerset; R. R. [illegible], St Michael's, Tavistock, North [illegible]; J. R. [illegible], Millfield Junior School; J. C. Tapper, Keble School; [illegible]; A. P. D. Wake, Millfield Junior School.

Exhibitions: M. P. Bowerman, Millfield Junior School; M. J. Gorham, Millfield Junior School; J. A. [illegible] [illegible]; [illegible], Newark; K. R. E. J. [illegible], Millfield Junior School; [illegible]; J. R. [illegible], Aberdour School, Surrey.

Music Scholars: S. A. M. Lashburn, [illegible] School; [illegible]; [illegible]; [illegible], Millfield Junior School.

In addition to these scholarships, a substantial number of bursaries have been awarded for coming academic year.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Princess of Wales attends a ballet lunch given by the Commonwealth Society, [illegible] the Earl, Fishmonger's Hall, London, 12.45.

Queen's Life Guard mounts, Horse Guards, 11.

British Museum: Gillian Varndell "Art [illegible] in the European [illegible]," 1.15; Andrew Wilton "Turner's development as a watercolourist," 1.15.

TOMORROW'S EVENTS

Princess Anne opens the Exhibition "Animal Regalia" at the Commonwealth Institute, London, 2.30; as patron of the Riding for the Disabled Association, visits the St James's Park [illegible], Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace, 3.30; as Master of the Worshipful Company of Farriers, attends dinner given by the Lord Mayor at [illegible] London, 7.25.

Queen's Life Guard mounts, Horse Guards, 11; Queen's Guard mounts, Buckingham Palace, 11.30.

British Museum: [illegible] "Greek [illegible] and goddesses," 11.30; Anne Farrer "Chinese painting: the spirit of antiquity in the [illegible]" (1254-1322), 1.15.

National Gallery: Colin Wiggins "The [illegible]: witches, hats and crones," 1.

[illegible] Dances, Oranges and Lemons [illegible], 3 p.m.

St George's, Hanover Square: Mena [illegible], soprano; Frances [illegible] [illegible], 1.10.

St [illegible], Cheapside: Carol Williams organ recital, 1.15.

St [illegible], Hart Street: Vivien Banfield piano recital, 1.05.

Theatres, cinemas—Page 33.

LUNCHEONS

Her Majesty's Government

The Hon. George Younger, M.P., Secretary of State for Scotland, was host at a luncheon given yesterday at Lancaster House by Her Majesty's Government in honour of Mr Grigoris Varfis, E E C Commissioner for Regional Policy and Relations with the European Parliament.

Kensington Conservative Luncheon Club

Dame Ninette de Valois was guest speaker at a luncheon held yesterday in Kensington by the Kensington Conservative Luncheon Club. Deirdre, Lady Mountevans, presided.

DULWICH COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Dulwich College Preparatory School celebrates its centenary this year, and over the weekend of June 8-9 a number of events are being arranged to which Old Boys will be particularly welcome. They are asked to write to the school at 42, Alleyn Park, SE21 7AA for further details.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

Oxford University announces the following elections:

St Antony's College.—To Research Fellowships: Andrzej Drawicz (PhD Warsaw) Max Hayward R/F March-April, 1985; Jan-on Chih-Ch'Lang Hu (DPhil Oxon) (March-August, 1985).

To Visiting Fellowships: Prof. Ervand Abrahamian, MA (MA, PhD Columbia) Oct. 1984-June 1985; Mr Alvaro Matute Aguirre (MA National Autonomous Univ. Mexico) (Mexican Visiting Fellow Trinity Term 1985); Prof. Klaus J. Bade (Dr Phil Erlangen) (German Government Visiting Fellow Trinity Term 1985); Dr Juan Carlos Cacos (Dr Laws, Buenos Aires) (W. H. Hudson Visiting Fellow May 1985); Prof. Doug Forena (Doctorate, USSR) (Mainland Chinese Visiting Fellow Trinity Term 1985); Prof. George Ranki (PhD Budapest) (Leverhulme Visiting Fellow Trinity Term 1985); Prof. Arturo Valenzuela (BA Drew, MA, PhD Columbia) (Latin American Visiting Fellow Trinity Term 1985).

Oriel College.—To a fixed-term fellowship and lecturership in Philosophy (from Oct. 1, 1985) Al-Quass m Amir Cassam, BA, B. Phil., Keble College.

Wolfson College.—To a senior Research Fellowship: D. G. Wyatt, MA, DPhil (from Oct. 1, 1985).

To Wolfson Industrial Fellowships: R. A. Jewell (BA, PhD Cambridge)—in association with the Department of Engineering Science; A. M. Stoneham (BSc, PhD Bristol)—in association with the Department of Metallurgy and Science of Materials.

To Visiting Fellowships: Sy D. Friedman (PhD Northwestern) Associate Professor of Mathematics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1985-6); G. P. Hellman (AB, PhD Harvard) Prof. of Philosophy, Indiana University (Trinity Term 1985); Tadahiro Ikegami (MA Keio) Prof. of English, Seijo University (Hilary and Trinity Term 1986); J. H. Jasanoff (AB, PhD Harvard) Prof. and Chairman, Department of Modern Languages, Cornell University (Hilary and Trinity Term 1986); A. Linder (BA, MA Jerusalem; PhD) [illegible] Associate Prof. of Mediaeval History, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (1985-6).

To Visiting Fellowships: W. J. Mitchell (BA Wisconsin, PhD California at Berkeley) Associate Prof. of Mathematics, Penn State University (1985-6); M. A. Perri (BA London; PhD Southampton) Director and Librarian, John Rylands University Library of Manchester (June to August 1985); K. A. Robinson (BSc Sydney) Senior Lecturer, Computer Science, University of New South Wales (1985-6); D. C. G. Skegg, DPhil (BSc, MB, ChB Otago) Prof. and Chairman, Department of Preventive and Social Medicine, University of Otago (June to December 1986); G. Wettinger (BA, MA, PhD London) Senior Lecturer in History, The University of Malta (1985-6).

The University of Aberdeen has announced the following appointments:

Dr Charles Snowden, Lecturer in Electronics in the Department of Applied Physics and Electronics at Durham University, has been appointed to the Chair of Engineering (Electronics) from Oct. 1, 1985.

Dr Derek Sleeman, Associate Prof. of Artificial Intelligence and Education at the School of Education, Stanford University, California, has been appointed to the Chair of Computing Science from Oct. 1, 1986.

The University of London has announced the following appointments:

Prof. Alan Barr, Prof. of Mechanical Engineering at Dundee University, has been appointed to the Jackson Chair of Engineering from Oct. 1, 1985.

Mr Simon Halliday, Temporary Lecturer in the Department of International Relations at the L S E, has been appointed to the Chair of International Relations there from Oct. 1, 1985.

Dr Timothy Chambers, Senior Lecturer (Honorary Consultant) in Histopathology at St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College, has been appointed to the Chair of Tissue Pathology at St George's Hospital Medical School from a date to be arranged.

The title of Professor of Immunology of the Institute of Cancer Research from Feb. 1, 1985 has been conferred upon Dr Joseph Hall, Reader in Immunology at the Institute of Cancer Research.

The title of Professor of Diagnostic [illegible] at [illegible] Royal Postgraduate Medical School has been conferred as from Jan. 1, 1985 upon Dr John Peter Lavender, [illegible] Consultant Radiologist and Honorary Senior Lecturer at the Royal Postgraduate School.

The title of Professor of Genetics at University College, London, has been conferred as from Jan. 1, 1985 upon Dr Wendy Mitchell, Reader in Genetics at University College.

The title of Professor of Chemical Carcinogenesis at the Institute of Cancer Research has been conferred as from Jan. 1, 1985 upon Dr Philip Lawley, Senior Scientist and Team Leader in Molecular Carcinogenesis and Team Leader of the Chemical Carcinogenesis Section at the Institute of Cancer Research.

Dr Peter Barnes, Senior Lecturer and Consultant Physician in the Department of Medicine (Respiratory Division) of the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, has been appointed to the Chair of Clinical Pharmacology from a date to be arranged.

RECEPTIONS

Her Majesty's Government

Mr John MacKay, M P, Minister for Health and Social Work, Scottish Office, was host at a reception held last night by Her Majesty's Government at Edinburgh Castle for those attending the second international conference on Health Education and the Media.

Lord Mayor of Westminster

The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress of Westminster, Councillor and Mrs John Bull, held a reception at City Hall last night for honorary officers and executives of the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

ETON COLLEGE

The Lent half at Eton College ended yesterday. The Hon. Giles St Aubyn is leaving after 39 years' service. The Newcastle Scholarship has been awarded to S. H. Mandelbrote, KS, and the Newcastle Medallist is A. J. N. Roxburgh, KS. The Wilder Divinity Prize has been awarded to C. M. Phipps, OS, the Newcastle Classical Prize to A. J. N. Roxburgh, KS, and the Keynes Prize for Economics to E. J. C. Morley. The Queen's Prize for French has been awarded to R. F. V. Frost and for German to D. A. St George, OS. The Rosebery History Exhibition has been awarded to G. D. S. Leslie, KS. In the final of the House Football, Mr R. P. C. Forman's defeated Mr R. O. Quibell's by four points to nought. Mr T. L. Holden's won the Athletics Cup. The Summer half begins on April 24.

BRISTOL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Mr Roy Avery, Headmaster of Bristol Grammar School since 1975, is to retire in July 1986.

DENSTONE COLLEGE

After the entrance examinations on March 9, 1985, the following awards have been offered by Denstone College:

Major Scholarships: Emma Wright, Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Ashbourne; Fiona Hitchmough, Hawarden High School, Clwyd; Caroline Parkinson, Sir Jonathan North Girls, Leicester; Paul Barnes, Barrcroft Middle School, Rocester; Ahmad Pasa, Wilmslow Preparatory School; Erica Smith, Warwick Preparatory School.

Minor Scholarships: Glen Atwal, Forest of Needwood High, Burton; Victoria Fahey, Blyth Jex Upper School, Norwich; David Brown, Newcastle-under-Lyme (and Edu-hurst).

Exhibitions: Anne Marie Baxter, Claremont Fan Court School, Esher; Ian Jeanson, Westcliffe Junior School, Burton.

Latest Wills

BLUNDEN, Mrs Ruth, Westminster	Net £400,137
CLOUGH, Mrs Violet, Earls Colne, Essex	263,515
EMANUEL, G. M., Finchley	241,046
GILMORE, F. T., Southport, Merseyside, formerly of F. T. G. Storage Erection Services Ltd.	277,290
BARRISON, J. E., Longtown, Cumbria	317,165
HERRING, R. L., Whitestaunton, Somerset	205,863
HUDSON, G. L., West Walton, Norfolk	378,194
KENNEDY, M. D., Parkgate, Cheshire	225,005
KNOWLES, Mrs Gladys L., Warboys, Cambridgeshire	237,282
LAMB, Marjorie L. J., Hindhead, Surrey	373,798
MELHUISH, Miss Seline, Worthing, West Sussex	412,506
SCOTT, J. K., Blackpill, Glamorgan	654,752
VARDY, Gladys M., East Grinstead, West Sussex	260,417

FIRMS AID ARTS IN REGIONS

By KEITH NURSE
Arts Correspondent

MORE than half of the £2,500,000 new private sponsorship aid for the arts which has been attracted by the Government's incentive scheme has gone to projects outside London, the Earl of Gowrie, Arts Minister, announced yesterday.

This dispelled the myth that regional arts and museums could not attract sponsorship. Lord Gowrie was speaking at a reception at the Guildhall in London at which he announced a further 35 grant awards for schemes which have brought more than £400,000 in sponsorship.

Pound for pound

A total of 57 awards have been made during the first six months of the scheme, which is designed to provide a stimulus in the form of "challenge money" by the Government, matching funding on a one to three basis contributed by the business world.

Under recently announced changes, matching grants on a pound for pound formula will be made from April 1 for new sponsorships of more than £1,000 from companies which have not before sponsored the arts.

The £1 for £3 awards will continue for existing sponsorship and new sponsors after their first sponsorship involvement. The upper limit on Government contributions remains at £25,000.

Permanent exhibition

The Ironbridge Gorge Museum won an award of £21,000 for sponsorship from Lloyds Bank, Lowe and Fletcher and Private Patients Plan, for recreating a late 19th century bank, locksmith and surgery at the museum.

Lord Montague's National Motor Museum at Beaulieu received a £20,000 cheque for sponsorship by the Wincanton Group for a special permanent exhibition recounting the story of the commercial vehicle on the roads of Britain.

Six £25,000 awards were among the 35 allocations announced yesterday. They were: Commonwealth Institute (sponsor—I B M Area South); Palace Theatre, Manchester (Norwest Holst); British Film Institute (Thorn-E M I); London Festival Ballet (Barclays Bank); Royal Photographic Society (Kodak Ltd); and Courtauld Institute (Arthur Anderson & Co. Foundation).

STONE AGE FIND

By Our Srinagar Correspondent

Remnants of a stone age settlement in Kashmir have been found by farmers tilling the soil along the shores of Lake Wullur, 33 miles north of Srinagar. Three elongated axes and carved drawings have been found.

Countryside charter lists legal rights

By ROBERT BEDLOW
Estates Correspondent

MORE than £50,000 has been spent by the Countryside Commission to spell out the legal rights of people using public footpaths, bridleways and byways in England and Wales.

In an attempt to "cool down" the conflict between the growing numbers using the countryside and farmers and landowners, the Commission yesterday launched its Countryside Access Charter.

Printed in English and Welsh, half-a-million laminated fact cards have been printed for free distribution. The cards give details of the rights and wrongs in using the countryside, and what legal rights apply.

The publication of the Charter follows the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, which gave the Commission responsibility for informing the public of its right of access to the countryside.

Move welcomed

The move was welcomed by the National Farmers Union and the Country Landowners Association, along with Countryside Link, which represents more than 30 voluntary organisations concerned with access to the countryside.

Mr William Waldegrave, Environment Minister, said that it was important that the rights of the public to the countryside should be tempered by the need of those who own the land to protect their business.

"The demand for access to our countryside has never been greater. What we have to do is to protect rights of access, above all to protect our ancient network of rights of way, without damaging the countryside itself or the livelihoods of those who work there," he said.

A booklet explaining the Charter is available free from the Commission's Publications Despatch Department, 19/23 Albert Road, Manchester M19 2EQ.

UNESCO POSITION FOR FEMINIST

By Our Staff Correspondent in Paris

A leading feminist lawyer and defender of Third World causes, Mme Gisele Halimi, is to become France's new ambassador to Unesco.

The appointment of Mme Halimi, 58, confirms indications that while France has endorsed some of the criticism of Unesco it has no intention of following America's example and walking out.

MUSEUMS POST

By Our Political Staff

Prof. Brian Morris, Principal of St David's University College, Lampeter, has been appointed chairman of the Museum and Galleries Commission.

Art Sales

GEMS HELP TO BUY LIFEBOAT

By ALISON BECKETT
Art Sales Correspondent

A GIFT of a fine collection of jewellery from a 73-year-old widow to finance a new £390,000 Arun-class lifeboat for Newhaven, Sussex, realised £198,300 at Phillips in London yesterday and the owner has offered to make up the difference.

Among the best pieces given by Mrs Esme Anderson, a Londoner, to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution for the boat, which is to be named after her late husband Keith, was a Victorian diamond tiara which fetched £17,000. Her emerald ring was unsold at £85,000.

Two pictures from the collection of Mr Alex Herbage, 54, an investment broker, were among the highlights of Christie's Impressionist and Modern sale in London where they made £61,000.

Mr Herbage, who set up an arts centre at Sutton Manor in Sutton Scotney, Hampshire, two years ago, owns two companies which were wound up this week.

Top price in the same auction and a record for the artist was a beach scene by the Belgian painter Theo van Rysselberghe, 1887, which had been inherited by the vendor's wife and went for £80,000 against an estimate of £25,000-£35,000.

Count's collection

At Christie's South Kensington a group of African textiles collected by 19th century adventurer Count Napoleon de Cardi proved the outstanding feature of a tribal art sale, the most expensive being a Yoruba man's robe at £1,400.

Obituary

ALAN FREEMAN

Alan Freeman, who has died aged 64, was a record producer for more than 30 years. He handled a wide range of artistes including Sir Noel Coward, Max Miller, Tony Hancock, Morecambe and Wise, Frank Sinatra, Petula Clark and Sammy Davis Jr.

More of a 'back-room boy' than his namesake the disc jockey, he took part in the television show "Thank Your Lucky Stars" and in the seventies appeared on the panel of "New Faces."

Air Commodore Leonard Howard Snelling. At Ottery St Mary, aged 75. Entered R A F 1928, Served 1939-45 War, A F C 1941. Air Officer Commanding R A F Records Office, Gloucester, 1961-62, C.B.E. 1962.

Canon Ralph Boyes Jackson. At York, aged 85. Canon of St John's Pro-Cathedral, Buenos Aires, 1947-62. Toc H and diocesan chaplain, Argentina, 1927-32. Assistant master, St George's College, Quilmes, 1932-40; headmaster 1940-61. Rector of Langton with Birdsall, 1962-76. CBE 1958.

Geoffrey Maberley Hancock. In London aged 83. Entered Sudan political service 1924. Governor of Kassala Province 1946-50, Adviser to Ruler of Qatar 1952-60. C.B.E. 1961.

WAY OF THE WORLD

A Missed Chance

IN HIS maiden speech in the House of Lords, it is said, the Bishop of Durham was advised to steer clear of "controversial" religious matters (this last pronouncement, that the Second Coming was "symbolic," though as controversial as any, seems to have passed unnoticed).

So what does he do but nag on about a Report of the Science and Technology Committee and the importance of training for the new technology by a "general insistence on literacy and numeracy"? It is clear, he said, that to "have the sort of collaboration that is required between the arts, social sciences, applied science and so on (sic) they must be able to develop in the artist a sense of what it is to be numerate.

"There will have to be a considerable shift of priorities in universities and polytechnics. This inevitably could be painful . . . There is no doubt that the proposals in this Report, if followed up on the broadest possible front, will contribute greatly to the development of the sort of society . . . needed for a creative and imaginative future."

Was there ever such waffle? It was as though the spirit of Lord Snow, with his "Two Cultures" and his dictum "technology is the sole hope of the poor", had risen from the dead. Oh for a Leavis to blast him with words of irony and scorn!

There is certainly nothing "controversial" about the Bishop's view of the importance of science and technology and universal numeracy, and of priority in education for the calculating and gadget-making faculties of the human race. It is the received wisdom. To question it, to deplore its seemingly irresistible advance is to be regarded as a crank, and by this time a harmless one at that.

There was a chance for the Bishop to be truly controversial. He might have questioned it, in the name both of his religion and of truly human life and civilisation. He might have asked his fellow peers, at least, to pause for a moment in their worship of that received wisdom and look about them at the world which it has made for us and the worse world it is making for our children.

Dishonourable

"I HAVE never seen six more villainous, depraved or brutal faces in my life . . . When they got off their chairs and shambled out, they looked like a bunch of gorillas, with great baggy breeches and knuckles almost trailing on the ground."

This is an extract from the diary of Lord Mountbatten, now being serialised in the SUNDAY TIMES. It describes how he attended a ceremony of surrender by the defeated Japanese, and is accompanied by a photograph of Mountbatten, in his finely cut white uniform loaded with medal ribbons, accepting the surrender of their swords from two Japanese officers who certainly look scruffily dressed and unprepossessing in comparison. Few people would not.

But it seems to me that there is something repellent and dishonourable in describing a beaten enemy in such inhuman and insulting terms. Granted that the Japanese had committed appalling atrocities; granted that they could expect no mercy from the victors. But these officers were not savages; they were members of a superlatively brave people with an ancient civilisation who would have fought to the last and were beaten in the end by the sheer, irresistible weight of military technology.

Men of Many Names

MY colleague Peterborough's note on regimental nicknames reminds me of a regiment, or rather corps, now disbanded, which probably acquired more nicknames than any other in the history of the British Army—the Royal Army Tailoring Corps, "dreamed up" by Lt-Gen Sir Frederick ("Tiger") Nidgett, the "Hero of Port Said" in the dark days before Alamein.

Among the nicknames which can be mentioned in a column intended for family reading by the fireside were "the Rats"; "the Tapeworms," a reference to their quick-retracting multiple tape-measures; "the Treadlers," from their huge armoured, foot-operated sewing-machines; and "the Thimble-riggers" a reference both to their notoriously devious tactics and to their Corps anthem, "Thimbles Awa'," composed by Pipe-Sergeant-Major-Trouser-Cutter Angus Garfinkel, who also wrote that stirring song "Here's to the Lads wi' the Needles and Thread."

To the Germans, who learned to regard the "Ratcorps" men either with puzzled derision or derisive puzzlement, according to temperament, they were known as "the Grey Devils from East Ardsley Junction," from the name of their depot in the West Riding.

Mists of Antiquity

A DOUGH-EATING contest will be held on Good Friday in lovely, sex maniac-haunted Sadcake Park, Stretchford's "iron lung". This ancient custom, whose origins are lost in the mists of antiquity, has been revived by the city's Department of Tourism, Leisure and Amenity as part of "Spring Tourism Week", as Easter is now generally called.

The contest is open to all. The person who eats the most dough in two hours is entitled to keep any of his allowance of dough he has not eaten.

The custom, thought to date from mediaeval times, lapsed during the Second World War, when enforcement officers impounded all dough "excessive to entitlement". It is only one of many ancient customs which will be revived during the week. Some of them have been specially devised by officials of the Tourism Department.

They include grapefruit-rolling; tourism-orientated bardic song contests sponsored by Dr Glogwyn Goth-Jones, Archdruid of Stretchford, with a prize of a bardic deckchair; "spinning the web," a man-made fabric-orientated contest with a prize for catching the most flies; and "derunging", a ladder-orientated test of nerve in which contestants remove the rungs of extending ladders as they climb until it is impossible for any of them to get down to earth again.

Enough!

REPORTS that the London and Dublin Governments are moving towards agreement about the future of Northern Ireland have been discounted both by Mr Hurd, Secretary for Northern Ireland, and by Mr Nicholas Scott, a junior Minister, who described them as "substantially over-egging the pudding, which will help nobody."

It would be a small help for some people if the expression "over-egging the pudding" could be banned for an experimental period, and then, perhaps, for good. This culinary metaphor is, as far as I know, used only by politicians.

It exudes a stuffed, indigestible complacency, a rich, eructatory pomposity which can induce nausea and is a danger to verbal health.

Peter Simple

TRUST STEPS UP ABBEY CASH PLEA

The National Trust is seeking a further £200,000 to restore Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal, Ripon, Yorkshire. More than £900,000 has already been contributed to the £1 million appeal, from N T members, business, trusts and the Government.

Mr Peter Marshall, the appeal chairman said yesterday: "To achieve this £200,000 we want to make sure that all Yorkshire gets involved. We are looking for contributions from towns and villages and organisations all over the county."

EAGLES EYED

A pair of golden eagles have returned to their breeding site in the Lake District and are being given round the clock protection by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds in an operation costing £15,000.

PERSONAL

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THE angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. Luke 1, v. 35.

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TO ST JUDE & Holy Family thank you.—P.R.

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ATYES otherwise WALTERS née DARRELL, IVY MAUD ATYES otherwise IVY, late of 21, Tairistane Road, Malvern, Worcester, died at Malvern on 31st August, 1984. (Estate about £3,000.)
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DAVIES, RAYMOND GORDON DAVIES, late of 246 Middle Road, Gendros, Swansea, West Glamorgan, died there on or about 28th January, 1984. (Estate about £9,000.)
FOUCEK, MARIA FOUCEK, SPINSTER, late of "Hillcrest," Foredown Road, Portslade, Sussex, died at Portslade on 29th June, 1982. (Estate about £2,500.)
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SIMMONS, LINDA REBECCA SIMMONS SPINSTER late of 2 Lindores Road, Holyport, Berkshire, died in Slough, Berkshire on 10th May 1984 (Estate about £3000.)
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WELLS, JENNIE MARGARET WELLS, SPINSTER late of 25A Lyford Road, Wandsworth, London SW18, died there on 6th July 1984. (Estate about £3,500.)

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1. To receive the directors' report and the financial statements for the year ended 31st December, 1984.
2. To elect directors.
3. To fix the remuneration of the directors.
4. To reappoint the auditors and authorise the directors to fix their remuneration.
5. To transact any other ordinary business of the Society.
A copy of the documents mentioned in item 1 may be obtained by a member upon written request to the Secretary.
By Order of the Board
R. A. Deacon, Secretary.
Stratford-upon-Avon,
1st March 1985.

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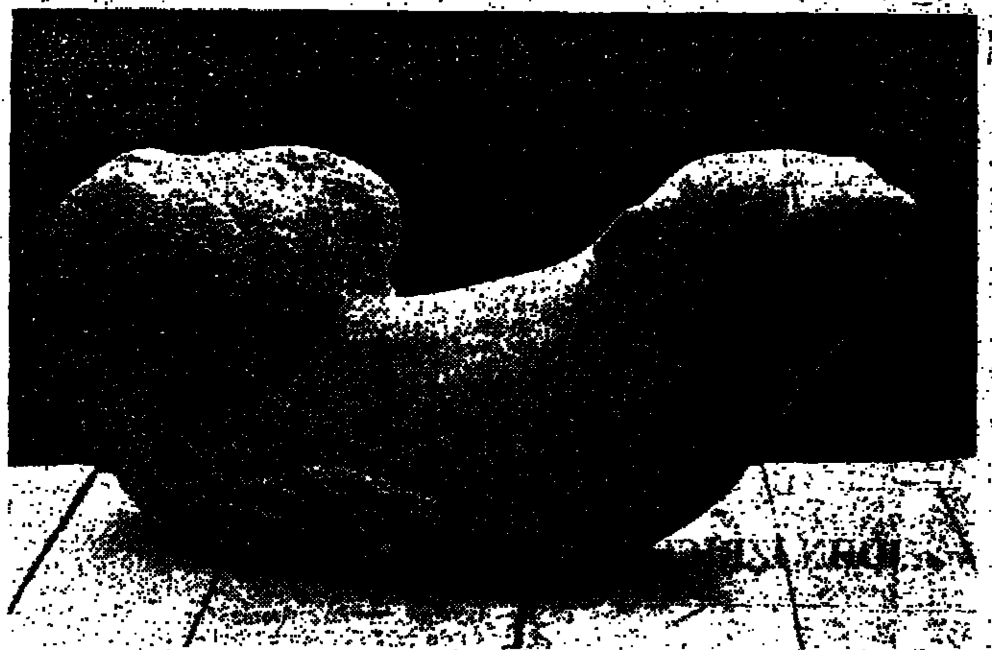
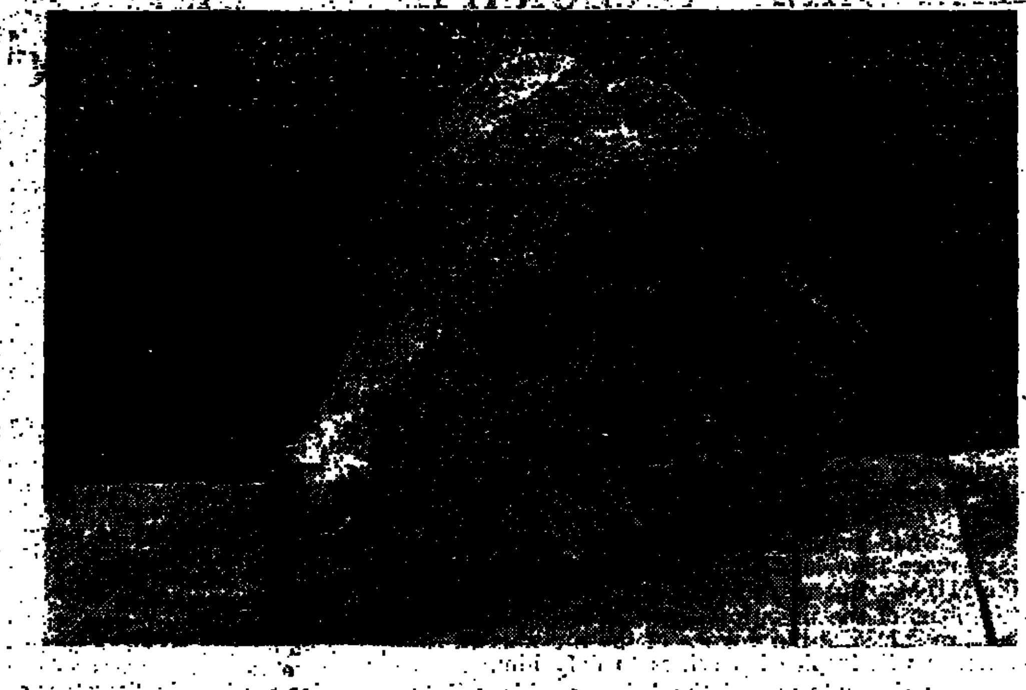
The little girl who turned to stone . . .

BY LYNNE EDMUNDS





IN HER early seventies, Mary Spencer Watson still exudes an energy and *pulsating interest* in everything that must have made her such an exceptional child.

At nine, her curiosity led her to explore the stone quarries near her parents' holiday home in Dorset, a discovery that set the direction for the rest of her life.

She haunted the quarrymen while they worked: "I must have been a real pest," she said. "In the end they gave me a scaled-down chisel, punch and hammer of my own and sat me at a bench alongside them in one of their little stone houses."

Her passion for sculpture—fortunately accepted by her Royal Academician portrait-painter father George Spencer Watson and her choreographer mother—had begun.

Ask her now, just after a long-delayed London exhibition has added to her status (though *doing* little to ease the constant financial struggle), what is most rewarding about a sculptor's life and she can't think of anything.

"It's a compulsion, something you *have* to do. It's hard physical work and most of the time you are very cold."

The only concesion this tall, cheery-looking woman now makes to the discomfort and the effort is to work on her ideal material—Purbeck Freestone—only in the summer. In winter she retires to her indoor *studio*, converted from the old dairy of her *17th-century Dorset manor* house, to carve wood.

But it is the Purbeck stone that is her real delight. Visit the local quarry with her to choose a block — the same quarry she first discovered in childhood—and you see the respect the quarrymen have for her knowledge.

"She *really* understands stone . . . she can still teach me a bit about it," said Colin Landers, third generation of a traditional Dorset quarry-owning family.

"The stone has to come from fairly deep in the bed, *with* a good width, so that when I put it up on edge I get the height I need," she explained.

The textured look of the stone which Mary loves so much comes from the *fresh water* formations of shell life, including winkles, which lodged when the area was one huge lake.

A tour with her in the surrounding area, near Poole, is like a geological excursion. She points out where the marble runs *along the line* of the lovely Purbeck Hills, where the limestone outcrops, and where the chalk is found.

After studying in Paris in the Thirties, she came back fired with an appetite to express herself in stone but instead found that, because of wartime circumstances, she was forced to farm.

These days she has given up farming but there are the horses she *still* loves to ride; the goats she once bred but has now reduced to three.

Her exhibition earlier this year at the New Art Centre in London's Sloane Street, described by critics as "impressive," and showing "a clean appreciation of line and urgency of expression," had a charming sculpture of a smiling baby seal, modelled on one *that* recently *frolicked* with the children off her local headland; an eagle, wings furled, that was a study in controlled power; and a huge donkey's head with an uncomfortably *primeval feeling*.

But the most moving pieces explored one of her favourite themes: the closeness that can grow between children and animals. She does not pretend to understand this mutual tenderness but it certainly shines through in works like Boy with Kid, where the tiny creature *snuggles* into the child's neck. Not surprisingly, the £2,000 plus piece was the first to be sold from her exhibition. (Some of her work is still on view at the New Art Centre).

Many of the animals she sculpts are mythical, like the "magical eland" with a child on its back she was commissioned to do for a Poole school. Going back to another school recently to wipe off a moustache which a centaur had acquired, she was delighted to see from rubbed areas on its back that children had taken to sitting on it.

To her this demonstrates *success in what she is trying* to do — to "mediate" between children and the normally ugly anonymous school buildings they now have to inhabit — when they strike up a relationship with her stone animals.

Mary is happiest when her work is displayed outside. In a corner of her own secluded garden is one of her gently-haunting male figures, A Youth, with what she describes as "an archaic Greek look," a reminder of her days in Greece in the Fifties.

Living alone, she describes herself happily as "a loner who stays on her patch." And although she insists that sculpture is "practically obsolete because it takes so much time" and frustrating because her output is so much less than a painter's, you do not doubt for a second that she is a thoroughly c-o-n-t-e-n-t-e-d person.

● Above, Mary Spencer Watson's seal and donkey head, in Purbeck Freestone. Left, choosing stone with Dorset quarry owner, John Landers. Below, Mary Spencer Watson with her Greek-influenced figure, A Youth. (Last two pictures: SRDJA DJUKANOVIC.)

Clinics with a mission: to make men more healthy

MORE and more evidence points to the surprising fact that the most neglected group in this country when it comes to monitoring of present and prospective health is men between the ages of 35 and 60.

In part it is their own fault: they also have the lowest rates of attendance at their GPs. But *men are* also more at risk from a variety of conditions (and potentially self-destructive habits) than are women.

Male *reluctance to go for* regular checks to their G P or under private health insurance schemes is seen by the medical profession as a fear of showing weakness by admitting to any *problems, or embarrassment* about talking about health.

But pioneers around the country, many meeting for the first time at the "Men Too" *conference at the Institute of* Education in London on Friday, want to redress the balance. From male health visitors and nurses, to Family Planning Association workers, they have started up clinics to meet men's needs.

These Well Men clinics are very much a parallel to the long-established Well Woman clinics at hospitals and health centres.

An early pioneer was Dr Michael Hall of Shebbear in Devon. He and a fellow G P in a very rural practice realised five years ago that *men were not catered for.* Co-operating with a health visitor, who runs the clinic, they circularised all men in *the practice* between 35 and 60. Initially they got a 70 per cent. response; now, as the men come up for *their* second check, response is rising to 90 per cent.

"Everyone gets a personal evening appointment *and is monitored for weight,* blood pressure and diabetes. They have information on exercise, methods of giving *up smoking and a healthy* diet including alcohol level," Dr Hall explained. He believes many have cut *down smoking.*

People found to have any risk factor are called back more often for re-checking *then every five years.*

Glasgow Well Men's clinic was set up a year ago, for rather different reasons.

Health visitors Bill Deans and Robert Hoskins were getting concerned about the reducing health and morale *of the out-of-work men in* their area of the city, an area where the unemployment rate is around 50 per cent.

"We could see how the deterioration in diet due to lack of funds and the *tensions and pressures felt* by men at home for long periods were building up and harming their health," *Bill explained.*

They got permission to open a National Health *Service clinic* on Tuesday afternoons, took a *random* selection of names from G P's lists, and their first surprise *was that* 75 per cent. of those who attended were men in jobs.

"The fact that heart disease is the biggest killer in Scotland and that this region, *Strathclyde,* has one of the highest rates in the country, might be relevant."

Apart from general checks, *the clinics* note eyesight and hearing capacities, get the men to give a detailed account of *their* daily habits, take notes *of their family history plus* any tendency to inherited conditions.

Their next step, he hopes, when *their* work has been evaluated at the end of this first year and the clinic put *on a permanent footing,* will be to offer family planning services and advice for men.

"We won't just offer free *contraceptive aids,* we will talk to them about their emotions too. We hope to attract a lot of younger men that way, and get them to work out the part they should play in their relationships.

> For men, lack of exercise, inability to offset stress, a greater likelihood of an unhealthy diet *and a tendency to let* smoking and drinking accelerate without noticing it— these add up to risky high blood pressure, hypertension, and early heart attack.

"In the future we plan to set up self-help groups, so that men can help each other to keep up progress," Robert explained. Many men are invited to come to the clinic: those spotted in the families *both of them visited.*

One of their most spectacular "*rescues*" was a 26-year-old who was two stone overweight, smoked 150 cigarettes a week and took virtually no exercise. Tests showed he had high blood *pressure* and high levels of cholesterol.

"We referred him to his G P and the cholesterol clinic *at the local hospital.* Now he has changed his diet, lost two stones, and both blood pressure and cholesterol are normal."

Without that check he would have been a prime candidate for a heart attack in early middle age.

One of the newest and more specialised *Well Man* clinics, run in Manchester since last November by District Nurse James Beggs, was triggered off by the cool reception he saw men received at the normal N H S family planning centre.

"So we set up to offer men three services: the barrier method which is not available free from G Ps, help with sexual *problems, and information* and help with vasectomies." He found that many G Ps, particularly in the ethnic communities, frowned *on patients asking* about the latter.

So far, about a third of the men contacted by the clinic have come for appointments. They are aged anywhere from 20 to 60 but mostly are between 20 and 35.

"On our first evening we saw 16 men, more than had turned up at the general family *planning clinic in a year.*"

The clinic is so well integrated within the N H S that men asking for vasectomies can now get them within a month.

So successful is the experiment, they are already planning, as soon as funds permit, a second clinic in Cheetham.

A High Wycombe clinic which operates privately to *offer men routine, physical* checks and a special blood test, started through the Family Planning Association and is still run by it. It also offers vasectomy and other contraception services.

"Our women clients for family planning at our Well Woman medical clinic said they would like the same checks for their husbands, and they have been very successful," explained Mrs Dinah Boothroyd. "We try to staff the clinic with male doctors, but don't always succeed since so few can fit in part-time sessions."

They ensure men can get an appointment within a fortnight, and charge £25 for the basic checks, which include cholesterol tests, and checks on liver function as well as on epilepsy and diabetes. They also feel it is important to give each man the maximum time from half to three-quarters of an hour to talk about his life style and problems.

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FOUR IN A ROW

LESSER MEN THAN Mr ARTHUR SCARGILL might have been tempted to lend reality to the reports that his ticket to the capital of communism had one-way validity. For lesser men than Mr ARTHUR SCARGILL might feel that after losing every ballot of their membership since the day they were elected there would be something to be said for asylum in a country where such matters are not left to chance. But Mr SCARGILL is made of sterner stuff. He was elected once for life: and life is no doubt what he means to make it. It is likely to take more than legislation to restore democracy to the NUM. But maybe the latest snub inflicted on the plans of the union president to make the membership subsidise the upkeep of those dismissed for violence will inspire his critics to defy him.

For the outcome of the ballot on his call to charge his members 50p a week to sustain the men the Coal Board declines to reinstate is in some ways more damning of the Scargill style of leadership than the three successive failures he incurred when he tried to get them out on strike. The Nottinghamshire miners and their allies in adjacent coalfields, who would presumably have voted overwhelmingly against the levy, preferred to display their independence with a boycott. But apart from that a number of Mr SCARGILL's usual stalwarts on the Left also opposed the levy. Ostensibly their calculation was that it would distract attention from the campaign to win reinstatement for sacked miners. In reality they seem to have identified the ballot correctly as yet another tactical miscalculation by their inept president.

It may well be that even so he will continue to stare down his critics. There is, after all, ample evidence of their collective loss of voice and nerve whenever they come up against his fan-club. But if that be the case the steady disintegration of the union into its component parts seems set to gain momentum. Satraps like Mr CHADBURN who suffer lost deposits when their coalfield's vote can help to pack a conference of delegates. Their influence on the conduct of the grassroots is hardly more effective than the claims upon their subjects of the exiled kings of eastern Europe. It is ironical that a man who professes to regard union solidarity as his bible should watch his union fall apart. It is an irony of his own contrivance.

BUDGET DOGMA

THE BUDGET DEBATE in the House of Commons was a predictably dull affair in which the Government's critics, whether from its own or the Opposition benches, blustered to depressingly little effect. The main thrust of contributions from Mr HEATH and his assorted allies was that the Budget was viciously deflationary when what was needed was a substantial, though responsible, increase in public sector capital investment. It is a pity that they could not be bothered to look more closely at what the Chancellor has actually been saying and doing instead of merely re-hashing their old speeches.

To begin with, contrary to superficial impressions the intended fiscal stance for next year is not contractionary but broadly neutral if the budget deficit is looked at in demand-weighted and cyclically-adjusted terms. There are obviously uncertainties involved in attempting such calculations, but a simplistic obsession with the nominal public sector borrowing requirement is bound to be misleading. The main change between 1985/86 and 1984/85 is that in the financial year just ending, £2·75 billion was added to the PSBR by the miners' strike which did almost nothing to increase demand, whereas next year an unprecedented £5 billion has been allocated to the contingency reserve, a good deal of which will undoubtedly be spent on activities carrying a high demand weight.

The real problem for demand in the coming year is not the supposedly "deflationary" Budget, but the tightening of monetary policy caused by the 4½ per cent. rise in bank base rates to defend the pound and the distinct possibility that sterling's weakness may now be at least partially reversed. It is these two factors — a rather accommodative monetary stance and exchange rate depreciation — which have helped to fuel the recovery during the past 18 months. If monetary policy remains tight with interest rates moderating only slowly, the pound stages a modest recovery and the Government succeeds in hitting its revised public spending targets, the economy could well begin to flag before the end of the year. It is presumably for that reason that the Chancellor has been talking about the possibility of some alteration in the policy mix which would allow him to relax his fiscal stance and increase his scope for tax cuts. The adjectives "inflexible" and "dogmatic" which have so frequently been used to describe Mr LAWSON in the past few days, fit his opponents better than they do himself.

MAJOR NICHOLSON

GIVEN THAT ONLY A YEAR OR SO AGO a Russian fighter attacked and shot down a civilian airliner which had accidentally strayed over Soviet territory, killing all 269 aboard, we cannot be totally surprised by the murder of a US Army officer by a Russian sentry in East Germany. There are one or two similarities. The Soviet Union lied about the circumstances of the downing of the South Korean Boeing, never apologised, and warned that if necessary it would do it again. There was no public inquiry. As far as is known nobody was blamed. This pattern of Soviet behaviour will be repeated over the death of Major NICHOLSON.

Predictably the United States has reacted with some anger over the Ludwigslust incident, and there will be heated diplomatic exchanges associated with the cold war era of the 1950s and 1960s. The East-West euphoria surrounding the appointment of Mr MIKHAIL GORBACHEV as Soviet leader will be a little dampened. Moscow, in fact, appears already to be ignoring President REAGAN's several invitations to a summit, and in Geneva the Soviet negotiators have been busily accusing the United States of trying to back out of its promise to negotiate all aspects of arms control without preconditions.

Yet this tragic incident, like the destruction of the airliner, is not part of some diabolical scheme devised, and ordered, by the ruling Politburo to slow up a threatened thaw in East-West relations, or to quieten fears of the hardliners in the Soviet military-industrial complex. The Soviet sentry, like the comrade fighter pilot, had been reared to accept that the Soviet Union is the bastion of peace constantly under siege by subversive and hostile forces, and when in doubt to shoot. There was no justification for killing Major NICHOLSON, and one would like to think that responsible Russians must know it.

The challenge that Sir Keith has chalked on the blackboard

By JOHN IZBICKI

UNLIKE some politicians, Sir Keith Joseph is not out to make a fast political buck. If he were, he would not have published yesterday his White Paper on education — when schools are in turmoil and teachers are so thoroughly demoralised that they are unreceptive to the radical reforms contained in its 95 pages.

Sir Keith looked surprised, even a little hurt, when I suggested that to re-emphasise his belief that "a significant number of teachers" were underperforming and to wrench away some of the powers traditionally and jealously guarded by local authorities, might well attract further criticism.

Sitting unperturbed behind the cluttered desk of his modestly furnished office 12 storeys above Waterloo Station, the Secretary of State for Education and Science argued that central and local government formed a partnership and that it was his duty under powers vested in him by the great 1944 (Butler) Education Act to make sure that the education offered to the nation's children was of acceptable standard and delivered by properly trained teachers.

Above all, he wants to eliminate underachievement of every kind, the first Minister to tackle properly the scandal that the average qualification obtained by Britain's school leavers is a Grade 4 pass at CSE. "I hope that what we are doing is putting in place a number of building bricks that will by the end of this decade have begun to make serious inroads into underachievement," he told me.

Stopping political bias

"We want to stretch not only the able but also the average and the below average. And because a large minority of children (10 per cent.) leave school with no qualifications at all (a further 30 per cent. are very low attainers), the Government is putting in extra taxpayers' money to run a Lower Attainment Project already being tried by 13 or 14 local authorities."

So he has produced the present White Paper which, as a package, probably ranks as the most comprehensive document on schools since the curtain raiser to the Butler Act. Not only does it detail what should be taught in the nation's primary and secondary schools but how it should be taught. It promises legislation that will stop local authorities rigging school governing bodies along political lines — whether they be Left or Right — and give parents more power in the running of their children's schools. It deals with the new examinations that will give more children a better chance to demonstrate defined levels of skill, knowledge and understanding and that will broaden sixth form studies.

Sir Keith also tackles the question of school discipline and truancy and goes as far as to propose properly formulated policies on homework — a matter I have never known to be broached by any Minister of Education.

And just to make sure that teaching standards improve, he makes it clear that he intends to extend his existing powers for regulating the employment of teachers and "in appropriate circumstances" require teacher performance to be appraised by local authorities at regular intervals.

He still hopes that the teachers will return to the negotiating table to discuss a new salary structure and agree on the delicate matter of appraisal, for Sir Keith believes that, though most teachers are doing a tough job well, many could become a great deal better with a little help.

From teachers to parents. Why had he retreated from his original proposal to give parents the overall majority vote on school governing bodies? With his usual honesty, Sir Keith replied that he had relented because "I didn't have a friend in the country" to side with the idea.

"I'm confident about a number of things but there was nobody saying hear-hear at all. Well, that's unfair. My old Centre for Policy Studies (the think-tank set up by him and Mrs Thatcher) was the only friend I had — and they're not generally friendly to me."

Sir Keith has great faith in parents and hopes they will bring their influence to bear on schools where standards are low and underachievement high. He finds it scandalous that a "substantial minority" of children leave school after 11 years without any apparent benefit. "It is not just in parts of the ethnic minority communities that there is underachievement. There is gross underachievement in a substantial minority of the majority community."

But he acknowledges that not all schools are to blame for this sorry state of affairs and that some parents carry the burden of responsibility:

"I think there is a minority of parents who don't value education very much, who perhaps didn't have much benefit from it themselves and who, as a result, don't do the things that children and schools need if they're to function properly — they don't read to their children, don't talk to their children, don't encourage their children to try at school, don't support the school and in extreme cases connive at truancy . . ."

And if parental attitudes have to change, then too must the school curriculum and examinations. "It is a curious paradox that although the comprehensive school has drowned the grammar school, it is the grammar school curriculum the comprehensives tend to work to. The technical element has slipped out in most cases and knowledge is imparted in a way that is unrelated to the application of it — so that maths are taught as an academic discipline. Maths are there to be used.

"The curriculum needs to have a much more applied emphasis whether it is discussions in English or oral French or German or experiments in science or applied maths. Every subject should be taught for its application."

He did not blame schools for failing to do just that, but teacher trainers. Better in-service courses were now desperately needed. So desperate, that Sir Keith will impose specific grants for the purpose, forcing local authorities to spend them on teacher refresher courses and nothing else.

Radical exam changes

The entire curriculum would need to become more relevant to children growing up in a violent and selfish world. Examinations, too, would require radical changes. At present they are "norm-related," categorising children into graded slots.

"They don't tell a teacher or a parent or an employer what a particular grade or result means in terms of understanding or skills or knowledge. All a child will know is that if he or she is not in the top 20 or 30 per cent., there'll be no O-level. Well, we're transforming all that from next year to examinations with more criteria related grades, so there will be no limit on the number of children receiving a certain grade if they reach the standards required. It will be much more stretching and much more accessible."

So there, then, are some of the "building bricks" Keith Joseph is putting together to meet the needs of the '90s and beyond. "The theme of the White Paper," he says, as we part, "is really this: despite all the difficulties, there are some splendid schools working against all sorts of socio-economic backgrounds. Now if all the schools were as good for all abilities of children as those good schools are, we'd be riding high and the children would be benefiting. It can be done. It won't be done overnight but by the end of this parliament one should be beginning to get results."

If Sir Keith Joseph can achieve his ambitious goal — and it won't be easy to reach without the collaboration of the teachers whose financial frustrations are likely to be considerably further hardened by their Easter conferences — he will be remembered long after Rab Butler and his Act have been forgotten.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Truth grasped by electorate

SIR—Lord Alport's article (March 25) should not escape challenge.

Its significance lies in the manner in which it discloses identity of outlook with a small coterie of dissidents, whose general lamentations are unilluminated by precise details which would illustrate their vision of Conservative wisdom.

Mrs Thatcher, we are told, is leading not a party but a faction.

Does one have to point out that the policies which she is following are those proclaimed by her first administration? During that term she was assailed by just the same criticisms as are now voiced by Lord Alport: the monetarism was deplored, the attack on inflation was being pursued too intensely, divisions were being opened up—and so on. Yet what was the outcome?

When called upon to join in this inspired denunciation the electorate so far failed to follow suit as to return Mrs Thatcher with a mighty majority. Not much sign there of worries about "dismantling" of the Welfare State or of a desire to return to inflation and vast Budget deficits.

Surely it is time that Lord Alport and those who think like him should acknowledge the truth grasped by the electorate: that we were in danger of losing control of the national finance, that industry was over-manned, and that recovery could not even begin to take place until these basic faults were rectified.

It is a long task and it ill behoves anyone to belittle what has already been achieved and what, with sustained determination, can be won for the future.

Lord Alport's casual treatment of Mr Scargill's recent challenge to all of us suggests that his nostalgia arises through a cosy view through rose-coloured spectacles.

How will history view Mrs Thatcher? Surely, as the Prime Minister who had the guts to stem the tide of national decline and to erase socialist cant from Conservative vocabulary.

GEOFFREY CRANKSHAW
Ickenham, Middx.

Parents' part in child training

SIR—Baroness Warnock's Dimbleby lecture on education was impressive. I would, however, take issue with her on her categorisation of parents into two classes—the interfering and the apathetic.

Surely there must be a significant number of parents who are interested in their children's progress without presuming to dictate.

I also felt that she might have placed more emphasis on the important role parents have to play in the upbringing of their children particularly in the early formative years.

There is a sad lack of guidance or training facilities in this area.

ERIC D. MACLAURIN
Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire.

Question and answer

SIR—In his comment on "The Richard Dimbleby Lecture" on television Mr Richard Last gives an example of why television can only deserve to be regarded in entertainment terms and not for the mature consideration of important issues.

Mr Last wishes to change the formula of a serious lecture delivered without any questions and answers, which he says is "anti-television," into one given with a "carefully structured" question and answer session.

We all know what that means. Acres of television time are given over to such sessions of instant response and counter response and we know how meagre are their long-term effects and usefulness.

Does not Mr Last appreciate that a lecture like that delivered by Lady Warnock needs time to reflect over and digest, and perhaps mull over further in the LISTENER reprint? It can be reasonably held that our society would be a whole lot improved if more time was given to consider the issues.

JOHN MILLAR
London, S.W.14.

Why teachers turn to their trade union

SIR—Further to Mr W. E. Bingham's letter (March 15) about the effect of cuts in education; if only the lack of heating and the shortage of books were all.

There is a shortage of money for general repairs and maintenance. Many schools have windows permanently broken or boarded up, broken doors and locks, and chairs and desks that are in a dangerous condition. Repeated complaints to the local education authority have little effect.

Teachers are required to do more, but are timetabled for less and less marking and preparation time. The extremes in temperature and generally poor working conditions lead to staff being susceptible to any bug or virus as well as stress-related complaints. The absence thus caused leads to even less marking and preparation time as we "cover" for absent colleagues, thereby increasing our own stress and susceptibility.

Most schools seem to have a core of disruptive pupils. Most local education authorities seem to make inadequate provision for these pupils so they are obliged to remain at school. Teachers are consequently called upon to be social workers and counsellors although many are not happy in this role and most have had little training for it.

No matter, when our counselling fails, we are blamed: when we are assaulted it is our own fault.

Poor working conditions can be better tolerated if the salary is reasonable. A poor salary is less depressing in pleasant working conditions. The proposed "contract" offers teachers very little apart from a "one-off" pay rise. If we sign away everything "voluntary" for an increase of even ten per cent. where will we be in ten years time?

When teachers are assaulted they are advised, by the local education authority to go to the union for help. Only when the union steps in, is any notice taken of complaints about our working conditions. And when faced with complaints from parents (often trivial, but on the increase) it is the union to whom we turn.

As a rule, local education authorities have no regard for the health, safety, welfare, well-being and morale of their teachers. It is the union who cares about us.

I take action not because I am underpaid and overworked but because education has been underfunded for years. Teachers' salaries are only a part of that.

JUDY BOSS
Birmingham.

Prison sentences

From the Minister of State, Home Office

SIR—I should like to assure readers who may have been disturbed by Judge Pickles' article (March 22) that it is emphatically *not* the case that the Home Secretary or his Department is seeking to persuade courts to avoid or shorten prison sentences because of prison overcrowding.

Our response to prison overcrowding has been, on the contrary, to undertake the first major prison building programme this century to provide the necessary places.

The Government fully accepts the principle that sentencing is a matter for the courts—subject, as they are, to general guidance from the Court of Appeal.

ELTON
London, S.W.1.

Bishops undermined

SIR—When the Prime Minister refers to Bishops of the Church of England as "cuckoos," is that not in itself a bad example?

The Bishops of the Church of England are the spiritual leaders of the nation and possess among their ranks some of the finest minds in that nation.

For the Government to undermine their national authority is to behave with the same sort of irresponsibility that it has found so abhorrent among trade union leaders, teachers and soccer hooligans.

If our politicians continue publicly to undermine the credibility of the Church's leadership, instead of embracing and supporting it, the level of spiritual impoverishment in Britain is bound to rise.

C. J. RYECART
Leeds.

Cuckoo in their nest

SIR—On reading Mrs Thatcher's reference to "Cuckoo Bishops" my immediate reaction was to say "cheap, cheap."

ALASTAIR M. DYER
Beaconsfield, Bucks.

Produce of Afghanistan

SIR—I bought a packet of seedless raisins. I notice that it is marked "Produce of Afghanistan."

What has happened to the raisins we used to import from Greece and Italy? Are they saving them for an EEC "Raisin Mountain"?

(Mrs) E. C. MASSA
Beaconsfield, Bucks.

Sufficient for old age

SIR—The reasons given by Mr J. W. Hardless (March 22) for not taxing pension funds apply with equal force to personal savings and investments made with the intention of giving a modicum of comfort and self-sufficiency in old age.

I wonder why those savings are not treated equally with pension funds so far as taxation is concerned?

ARTHUR H. DOE
West Wellow, Hants.

Raid on Dresden

SIR—I read with interest, mounting to indignation, the letters from Mr John Terraine and Mr Eric McMahon. I have not read your leader on the bombing of Dresden.

Although my country bombed cities in the United Kingdom such as London, Manchester, Liverpool and Coventry giving ground for retaliation through Sir Arthur Harris's Command, the actual bombing of Dresden in February, 1945, was unnecessary. The Russian forces were about 100 miles away and it was merely a matter of time before the city would be over-run.

The city itself had no defences and held about 500,000 refugees who had escaped the Russians.

Dresden had not been attacked and was considered a "safe" place to evacuate children and old people alike.

There were no adequate air raid shelters since, unlike Britain, no one in Germany was supplied with a free shelter by Hitler and apart from a few municipal shelters in the larger cities my people had to use the cellar or go out into the streets.

(Frau) GERDA VISSER
Ober-Ramstadt, West Germany.

Meals of yore

SIR—Mrs E. M. Binstead (March 14) wonders how we were able to withstand the rigours of the 1930s winters without central heating, double glazing and insulated walls.

Could the answer lie in our diet of those days? To start the day, bowls of porridge and mugs of milky cocoa with toast spread with mealy dripping. For dinner pies and tarts, the pastry made with lard, or stew with dumplings and savoury or sweet puddings rich with suet. Quite often for tea muffins oozing melted butter.

(Mrs) S. WITHNALL
Plymouth.

Fumes galore

SIR—We have a National Smoking Day every day (Mr George Meredith, March 22)—the heavy, poisonous fumes coming from the vehicles that clutter up our roads. No one bothers to estimate how many non-smokers they kill each year.

Personally, I think we should have 365 National Mind your own Business Days with an extra one in Leap Year. Then the world would be a better place to live in.

D. R. ELLIS
Manchester.

364 too many

SIR—Mr Meredith has so missed the point that he must be suffering from the effects of noxious tobacco fumes. There is no need to institute a National Smoking Day: we already have 364 of them.

MARK POWELL
Saint Breward, Cornwall.

Challenge unmet

SIR—The challenge of even *one* smokeless day proved too much for my colleagues. Anyone care to start Smokers Anonymous?

H. FOSS
Bishopston, West Glamorgan.

B A sale may cost Minister's head

THE Government's plans to sell British Airways shares to the public this autumn might, paradoxically, claim the head of one of its most enthusiastic privatisers, Nicholas Ridley, the Transport Secretary.

Senior Conservative MPs believe that the flotation will prove to be the most important single act by the Government this year. But they wonder whether Ridley has the right political strengths for the task.

Ridley has had an unhappy time at Transport since his appointment in October 1983. His uncertain handling of issues such as the expansion of Stanstead and airline de-regulation have led even his political allies to question whether he possesses the skills needed to pilot BA into the private sector.

They expect he will be dropped or moved aside in this summer's reshuffle. The success of the British Telecom float owed much to Norman Tebbit's acumen and now the Tories are hoping that someone can be found to repeat that achievement.

LONDON DAY BY DAY

Labour pains

IS THE Labour party itself in danger of falling foul of the Commission for Racial Equality?

An advertisement in LABOUR WEEKLY under the heading "Candidates" seeks applications for nominations as prospective parliamentary candidates at Westminster North.

It goes on "Westminster North policy is to recommend that all affiliates only nominate women or members of ethnic minorities and we have instructed our executive to regard this as the key factor when short-listing. Party members are asked to apply accordingly, in particular those who are manual workers."

RAI, Italy's state-owned radio and television network, has caused some raised eyebrows in New York this week with a publicity launch of a concert at the Lincoln Centre entitled "Salute to RAI." According to the blurb, the list of stars taking part includes: "Romano Mussolini (son of Benito) and his jazz band."

No jobs for the boys

THERE WAS one irony politely overlooked when a group of unemployed teenagers from Merseyside visited Mrs Thatcher at Downing Street yesterday — among the officials and politicians there was no youth trainee to greet them.

Since Mrs Thatcher first proposed employing a number of school-leavers at No. 10 more than two years ago the idea has been blocked by the Whitehall unions. It was hoped that the youngsters could gain some valuable office experience that would help them find jobs.

But, it seems, some people who want more jobs for the young in theory pay only lip service to it in practice.

Green wellies

THE IRA's American mouthpiece, a hostile weekly newspaper called THE IRISH PEOPLE, is this week advertising what it calls "a unique conversation piece" — doormats in the shape and colour of the Union flag.

Readers of the journal who wish to wipe their feet on the British flag are invited to send $29·95 to an address in Philadelphia. The same issue, incidentally, offers packets of shamrock seeds at $5 and the proceeds from both items go to the Irish American Defence Fund, supposedly for the benefit of IRA prisoners.

Naff gear

THE RIGHT REV. Robert Mercer, Bishop of Matabeleland, appears to be concerned about falling sartorial standards within the Anglican church.

In a recent pastoral letter he looked ahead to the Lambeth Conference in 1988 and conjured up images of a procession of bishops in rochets of lawn — "clothes that make even the leanest and hungriest man look like a pregnant laundry bag."

Irish diplomats are bracing themselves for an invasion of late guests. Invitations sent out for a St Patrick's Day reception at the Embassy, held on March 13, request their presence on Wednesday, March 30. Leprechauns in the system are apparently to blame.

A day in the life

MICHAEL WINNER, the film director, found the following messages on his desk on the same day last week.

Caller: Laura Hayden, Thames Television, 11.15 a.m. "Next Tuesday Daytime are doing the state of the British film industry. Would you be available for this? They record between 12.00 and 1.15 in the afternoon."

Caller: Laura Hayden, Thames Television, 12.07 p.m. "Daytime goes out at 2.30 p.m., fully networked, so it is recorded earlier."

Caller: Laura Hayden, Thames Television, 3.37 p.m. "They have abandoned the programme about the state of the British film industry because they cannot find enough people interested to take part."

Letting off steam

THE DEATH of Lord Beeching prompts a reader to tell me of a message she saw at the height of the "axings" on a blackboard at a tiny halt on the old Worcester to Leominster line.

It read:

Bad baby Beeching
Needs a bit of teaching.
He's got it in his silly brain
To wreck the British Puffer Train.

My correspondent tells me that the line was often used by bird watchers and botanists and she adds: "I have never forgotten this effort by some sad and indignant old railwayman on a station where the Victorian naturalists had been wont to alight to start long rambles to the secret orchidaceous dingles "far in a western brookland."

"And the winner is Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart."

Deep draught

THE WORLD attention captured by the raising of the Mary Rose has all but eclipsed a number of other fascinating maritime recovery schemes, according to Frank Carr, chairman of the World Ship Trust.

Not least among them is a joint venture by Oxford University and the trust at Giglio Island between the Italian coast and Corsica where the keel of an Etruscan wreck of 600 BC has been discovered.

The wreck — possibly the oldest deep-sea merchantman ever found—is 60 metres down and lies next to what may be a 3rd-5th century AD Roman wine trading vessel—although whether the cargo is still drinkable or not, Carr is not sure.

Polished performance

A REPORT on the activities of Stockton Brook Women's Institute in the LEEK POST AND TIMES says intriguingly "We had a lovely colourful evening with the Spode Audio Visual show. Mr Trigg showed us some lovely slides to music."

PETERBOROUGH

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Entry curbs on foreign doctors start next week

By DAVID FLETCHER Health Services Correspondent

STRICT controls to limit the number of overseas doctors and dentists working in Britain were announced yesterday by Mr Fowler, Health and Social Services Secretary.

The Government is to introduce regulations controlling both the number of doctors from abroad and the length of time they can stay.

Doctors and dentists at present have unrestricted access to Britain provided they are suitably qualified.

Mr Fowler announced that from next Monday they will have to obtain work permits before being allowed to practise in this country.

Doctors and dentists who want to come here for postgraduate training will only be admitted for four years. After that will only be able to stay by applying for an extension under normal immigration and employment provisions.

Numbers decided

Discussions are to be held with the medical profession to decide how many overseas doctors are needed, how many should be allowed in for postgraduate training and how many medical students should be trained in Britain.

Mr Fowler's statement marks the end of a long period in which the National Health Service has been short of British-trained doctors and has depended heavily on overseas doctors, particularly from India and Pakistan.

A policy of expanding the number of medical and dental students began in 1968, and the medical schools are now training so many doctors — nearly 4,000 a year—that there are already more doctors than jobs available.

The new arangements will not affect overseas doctors currently working in Britain, and Mr Fowler said the NHS owed a considerable debt to them for making good the shortage.

About 12,300 work in NHS hospitals — nearly 30 per cent. of the total — and one in five general practitioners, totalling 5,670, qualified abroad.

'25 p.c. MORE ON NHS' PLEDGE

By Our Health Services Correspondent

A 25 PER CENT. rise in the amount of taxpayers' money spent on the National Health Service and a substantial cut in prescription charges — which go up to £2 on Monday — were promised by a future Labour government yesterday.

Mr Michael Meacher, Shadow Health Secretary, said the next Labour government would cut defence spending, cancel the Trident missile system, and switch the money to health care.

He said that these measures, coupled with an expansion of the economy to produce greater revenue, would raise an extra £3,000 million for the health service without raising taxes.

Addressing a two-day conference on private health care he said that a Labour government would squeeze private medicine but would not abolish it.

He said: "The National Health Service has been chronically under-funded for years

"We at present spend 5·7 per cent. of gross national product on health care and I shall aim to raise it to about 8 per cent., the level in France and Germany."

VAIN HUNT FOR CANCER WIFE

Mrs Philippa Kingston, the 32-year-old mohter who died of cancer after a positive cervical smear test was never reported to her, could not be traced because she had moved, it was claimed yesterday.

Dr Christopher Paine, general manager of Oxfordshire District Health Authority, said efforts were made to contact her about her positive test in 1979, but her address had changed.

HOSPITAL RAIDED

By Our Crime Correspondent

Photographic equipment specially made by staff at the Great Ormond St Hospital, London, for the detection of skin diseases has been stolen from the hospital's photographic department.

'Amadeus' wins eight Oscars

By IAN BRODIE in Los Angeles

THE sumptuous production of Peter Shaffer's "Amadeus," about the life of Mozart, won eight Oscars at the Academy Awards in Los Angeles.

Three were the major prizes of best picture, best director for Milos Forman and best actor for F. Murray Abraham, a Broadway veteran who learned to play the piano so he could portray Mozart's envious rival, Antonio Salieri.

"Amadeus" also won for Peter Shaffer's screenplay, adapted from his highly-successful stage play, for make-up sound, art direction and costume design.

Forman first won for best director nine years ago with "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest." "Amadeus" was made almost entirely in his native Czechoslovakia from which he fled after the 1968 Russian invasion.

Forman delightedly announced that Czech authorities will allow it to be shown, his first film to win clearance there since his departure and assumption of American citizenship.

Lean eclipsed

Sir David Lean's Raj epic "A Passage to India" which had 11 nominations, the same as "Amadeus" had to settle for two Oscars. Dame Peggy Ashcroft was voted best supporting actress for her role as Mrs Moore, and the film also won best original score by Frenchman Maurice Jarre.

Dame Peggy was not able to collect her Oscar. She was to have attended Sir Michael Redgrave's funeral in London yesterday, but missed that because she was ill.

Best actress was an exuberant Sally Field as the young widow left to support her family during the Depression in "Places in the Heart." She also won in 1979 for "Norma Rae."

'Killing Fields'

The other major category, best supporting actor, went to a non-actor, Dr Haing Ngor, a Cambodian refugee who survived experiences similar to those he enacted on the screen in "The Killing Fields". Produced by Britain's David Putnam, this war drama also won Oscars for cinematography and editing.

Dr Ngor thanked Buddha that he was there to receive such an award. Backstage, he silenced the Press by describing how he was tortured three times by the Khmer Rouge and how his fiancée died in his arms from starvation.

Lord Olivier, 77, who presented the "best picture" award, was given a standing ovation by the black-tie audience at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion after a glowing introduction by Jack Lemmon.

But instead of listing the nominees for best picture in the time-honoured cliff-hanger fashion, Lord Olivier looked straight at a card in his hand and despite cries from the audience of "no, wait" he simply announced the victory of "Amadeus".

James Stewart, 76, receiving an honorary award, thanked his fans for giving him a wonderful life and said: "I tried to develop my craft so that the acting doesn't show."

One victim of the "Amadeus" steamroller was Albert Finney in "Under the Volcano." He has now been nominated four times for best actor over the last 22 years but has yet to win. Another British loser was Vanessa Redgrave, nominated as best actress in "The Bontonians."

FLOORED BY 'FLU

Missing winners

Dame Peggy Ashcroft, 77, who was suffering from 'flu yesterday, said: "I am both delighted and amazed at receiving this award because it is not a thing I ever imagined would happen to me. I have, after all, not had a lot to do with films."

Dame Peggy, has recently won two awards for her performance in Granada Television's "The Jewel in the Crown."

Mr Chris Merges, whose cinemetography on Roland Joffe's "The Killing Fields" won an Oscar, missed the ceremony through 'flu.

Dr Haing Ngor, a Cambodian refugee, holding the Oscar he won for best supporting actor in his first screen role in "The Killing Fields."
Right: Dame Peggy Ashcroft as Mrs Moore in "A Passage to India," which gained her the Oscar for best supporting actress.

Soccer fan in stabbing gets 4 yrs custody

A FOOTBALL thug who stabbed a rival supporter after a league match between Halifax Town and Chesterfield was sentenced to four years' youth custody yesterday at Huddersfield Crown Court.

Passing sentence on CRAIG SCOTT WHITEHEAD, 18, of Sheffield Road, Chesterfield, Judge GEOFFREY BAKER told him that he had made a vicious, cowardly attack

Whitehead pleaded guilty to wounding Mr Andrew Quick, 20, of Mixenden, Halifax.

Mr LIONEL SCOTT, prosecuting, said that Whitehead, who supported Chesterfield, stabbed Mr Quick in the back with a Stanley knife, puncturing his lung. Mr Quick was taken to hospital and has made a complete recovery.

Custody replaces fine

A Watford supporter who appealed against a £200 fine for kicking a Luton Town fan during a match last October was sentenced to six months' youth custody instead by a football-loving judge at Bedford Crown Court.

Judge James Kingham told Christopher Vauls, 19, of Bowmans Green, Garston, Watford: "This is a prevalent crime, a cancerous crime. To kick someone in the ribs is very serious. Doing it in the explosive situation of a football match makes it more terrible.

INITIATIVE TO CURB VIOLENCE

By VALERIE ELLIOTT Political Staff

THE Government could threaten football clubs with legislation enforcing rules aimed at stopping hooliganism if the clubs do not act responsibly and independently to fight the problem.

The Prime Minister and a group of Ministers will talk with representatives of the Football Association on Monday and will offer ideas on how to resolve the growing problem of violence at matches.

They have been largely unimpressed by the suggestions drawn up by the FA in their 20-page report which was handed to Mr Macfarlane, Sports Minister, last week.

Mr Brittan, Home Secretary, will be announcing after Easter his recommendations following the review of the Public Order Act

BRICK THROWING FAN JAILED

A soccer fan who threw a brick at rival supporters was jailed for 28 days by Sheffield magistrates yesterday. Robert Ward, 23, of Lanbrell Avenue, Kiveton Park, near Sheffield, admitted threatening behaviour after Saturday's Sheffield United-Leeds match at Bramall Lane.

Protest at verdict on family of 3 gassed in cold

By ALAN COPPS

THERE were shouts of protest at a Southwark inquest last night after a jury was directed to return accidental death verdicts on a woman and her two children who died during a cold spell in a council flat with a faulty gas heater.

Mrs HELEN SMITH, 31, and her daughter NATASHA, 11, died of a combination of carbon monoxide poisoning and hypothermia, said Dr ARTHUR GORDON DAVIES, Southwark coroner.

MICHAEL SMITH, 13, suffered brain damage as a result of the same combination and died after four days in hospital.

Directing the jury after two days of evidence the coroner said the verdict of accidental death was the only one open to them.

He clashed with Mr TIMOTHY GREENE, counsel for the Smith family who suggested a verdict of unlawful homicide might be considered.

Shout of murder

The coroner told the jury he was "not prepared to accept there had been any evidence of negligence or such utter disregard for the safety of people as to justify returning any verdict other than the one I have given you."

When the jury gave its verdict after a short adjournment one woman at the back of the court shouted: "You lot murdered her, naming Southwark council. Others shouted "What accident?" and "It was negligence."

After the case Mrs Elizabeth Xavier, Mrs Smith's mother, said she would be taking civil action for negligence against Southwark council.

The inquest had heard from a series of technical experts that the heater in the Smiths' flat in Edmund House, Dodington Grove, Southwark, had been found in a lethal condition. It was said to have been working normally after an engineer called a month before the tragedy, which happened at the height of the February cold spell.

The council is now installing modern balanced flues to replace the open flues of heaters in all its homes. It is also checking all heaters on the Dodington Grove estate, but its representatives have been unable to gain access to 103 of the 290 flats.

Council officials admitted that the Smith's heater had never had a routine service in the five years since it was installed and blamed Government spending cuts for that omission.

BANQUET FOR QUEEN IN LISBON

By JENNY SHIELDS in Lisbon

THE QUEEN began her four day state visit to Portugal yesterday morning when the royal yacht Britannia slipped into the river Tagus, accompanied by two Royal Navy frigate escorts.

After reviewing an escort ship from the Royal Barge, the Queen and Prince Philip came ashore to be met by the Portuguese President, Mr Antonio Eanes, and his wife.

Three hundred riders from the national presidential guard formed a mounted escort for the short drive to Jeronimos monastery.

At this sixteenth century monastery two soldiers laid a wreath at the tomb of Camoes the national poet, on behalf of the royal visitors.

Before lunch, the Queen paid a formal call on the President at Belem Palace, his official residence, and then took an impromptu walk in the gardens which overlook the Tagus.

In the afternoon the Queen hosted a reception aboard the royal yacht for the Press corps covering the trip and then met 600 members of the British community in Portugal at the embassy.

Last night the Portuguese president held a State banquet in her honour at Ajuda Palace, the largest royal residence in Lisbon and the former home of the Portuguese royal family.

HEART CHARITY AIDS RESEARCH ON PACEMAKER

An Oxford scientist who led January's "dons' revolt" to defeat a proposal to award Mrs Thatcher an honorary doctorate has been given £53,278 by the British Heart Foundation to save his research project.

Professor Denis Noble, whose personal chair at Oxford University is funded by the foundation, said earlier this year that his pacemaker research would be destroyed by Government funding cuts to the Medical Research Council.

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Leaders in decline

ACCOUNT: March 25-April 12.
PAY DAY: April 22.
BARGAINS TRANSACTED: 26,697.
RISES: 237. **FALLS:** 503.
UNCHANGED: 1,003.
EQUITY TURNOVER (March 25): Number of bargains 26,119 value £288·93 million. Shares traded: 166·5 million.

F.T. STOCK INDICES, March 26, 1985

	Index	Change	1984-85 High	1984-85 Low
Indust. Ord.	982·0	−7·9	1024·5	755·2
Govt. Secs.	80·78	−0·04	83·77	75·72
Gold Mines	500·3	−0·6	711·7	439·5
Fixed Int.	84·63	−0·09	87·48	80·43
Ord. Div. p.c.	4·61	−0·04	5·29	4·22
Earn Yld p.c.	11·42	+0·09	12·39	9·00
FT-SE 100:	1290·4	−7·4	1309·9	986·7

APART from a flood of company news, which prompted numerous share price responses, there was little to inspire further interest in London stock markets yesterday and some dealers suggested that investors were relapsing into the traditional pre-Easter malaise.

In the event, leading industrials drifted lower in the wake of routine offerings and the main market indices lost ground; the "30" index closed 7·9 down at 982 and the "100" index 7·4 lower at 1290·4.

Brokers were kept busy checking share values for clients as the information screens showed a constant stream of full year's results and interim reports and major names such as British Aerospace and Enterprise Oil reported annual figures well up to best expectations.

Pentland Industries was lively on United States expansion hopes: this company won THE DAILY TELEGRAPH 1984 Share Race with a 334 p.c. rise to 243p and the price has more than doubled so far this year to last night's value of 538p, a gain of 37.

After a fairly muted initial response to the results, **British Aerospace** attracted solid investment support and advanced 18 to 398p. Elsewhere in the blue chip range, **British Telecom** improved 3 to a high of 138½p, but **Thorn EMI** dropped 13 to 409p, after 407p, following a brokers' "sell" recommendation. **Imperial Chemical Industries** ended a few pence easier at 791p.

There was an early flurry in **UBM** on suggestions that the Norcros stake had been bought by a potential predator and the shares rose 10 to 160p before dealings were suspended: trading in **Norcros** was also suspended at 169p. Confirmation of United Newspapers' bid intentions left **Fleet Holdings** 14 higher at 298p, but **United's** shares lost 7 to 306p, after 301p.

In the drinks sector, **Arthur Bell** reflected disappointment with the interim figures and reacted 10 to 148p. Awaiting further developments in the bid situation, **Matthew Brown** improved afresh to 433p before closing unchanged at 428p.

Government securities had a very quiet session. Short-dated stocks were on the dull side, but later maturities were scarcely tested and remained unchanged throughout the session. However, the final tone was looking firmer in sympathy with an improvement in sterling.

In banks, **Lloyds** slipped 4 more to 540p on continued concern about the Argentine debt situation but small gains were showing in **Barclays**, at 592p, and **National Westminster**, at 627p. Dealers were pleased with the results from **Standard Chartered** and the shares advanced to 474p before closing 12 better at 469p. **Manson Finance** hardened to 27 on the interim report.

Trident Computer, a rising market before the interim results and the news of a bid approach, finished the session with a rise of 21 to 71p. Vague takeover suggestions accompanied gains in **Ranks Hovis McDougall**, 7 up at 158p, and **Hopkinsons**, 9 higher at 176p, while **Tootal** improved to 73p pending the outcome of the Entrad bid situation.

Talk of major asset revaluation in relation to the company's property interests prompted revived interest in **Manchester Ship Canal**, which climbed to 327p before closing 28 higher at 323p. Investment support in a thin market left **Microfocus** 50 to the good at 930p.

Stock shortage also accentuated gains in **Sale Tilney**, 18 higher at 588p, **William Collins**, 25 better at 775p, and **Turriff**, 10 up at 330p, the last-named on news of Bajan's increased stake. Follow-through demand after Monday's figures brought rises in **Steetley**, at 312p, and **Hickson International**, at 488p.

There were several major disappointments in the day's huge batch of company results, with **W Canning** 11 down at 96p, after 91p, **Croda International** 8 off at 134p, and **Bemrose Corporation**, also 8 down at 160p, after 143p: the last-named were particularly upset by the reduced dividend.

Poor interim reports caused considerable damage to the share prices of **Cocksedge Holdings**, 14 down at 39p, after 38p, and **Pressac**, 15 lower at 98p, after 95p. **Brewmaker** were 4 easier at 36p after their figures.

Dealers were satisfied with the results from **Delta Group**, particularly since there was no sign of a rights issue; the shares ended 4½ better at 138½p. **Smith & Nephew** were 2 firmer at 234p on the results and one-for-five scrip issue, while the rights issue announcement left **F K I Electrical** 1½p better at 47½p.

In the engineering sector, **Burgess Products** advanced 12 to 162p in appreciation of the good interim figures, while other firm spots included **Vosper**, at 225p, and **Molins**, at 138p, the latter ahead of results, due April 10. **Babcock International** became a nervous market in front of today's results and lost 8 to 144p.

City of Aberdeen Trust climbed 38 to 708p on the good results, while similarly encouraging news brought strength in **Trade Indemnity**, 35 up at 330p, and **Iceland Frozen Foods**, 12 higher at 444p, after 454p.

Concern about continuing high levels of mortgage rates and the prospective effect on consumer spending made for dullness in the stores market. **Great Universal "A"** reacted 12 to 667p, **Woolworth** 13 to 682p, and **M F I** 12 to 226p. Other sufferers were **W H Smith**, at 198p, **Dixons**, at 655p, and **Burton Group**, at 456p. **Waring & Gillow** reacted to 151p as some bid speculators closed their positions, but the shares then rallied to 155p, for a loss of 5.

Market dealers welcomed the results from **Enterprise Oil** and the shares rose to 209p before closing 3 easier at 202p: the explanation for the final loss was that speculators expect Enterprise to make a takeover offer in the near future, possibly for **Tricentrol**, whose shares rose 5 to 250p. **British Petroleum** slipped 5 to 540p, **Britoil** 3 to 215p, and **"Shell" Transport** 7 to 705p.

Paris Basin drilling hopes continued to stimulate interest in **Invent Energy**, which advanced £⅞ more to £10$\frac{13}{16}$. There was a disappointing market debut for **Plantation Trust Units**, which ended at 698p, compared with the offer price of 725p.

Gold shares were dull for most of the session, but were picking up in late business following a sudden jump in bullion, which ended $8·25 higher at $324.

Tailpiece

IN AUGUST last year, TAILPIECE suggested that the shares of **Lucas Industries** were worth supporting at 182p on a yield of 6·8 p.c., which we said was an attractive return for a blue chip group.

Since then, there has been further evidence of the company's recovery, while there have also been vague suggestions of a possible takeover offer from an American source. In the event, the share price has climbed to a peak of 289p, but in yesterday's drab market conditions was quoted 8 easier at 275p.

Lucas is due to report its half-yearly results tomorrow and there is a feeling that these could prove rather disappointing owing to damage caused by strikes in the motor industry. On a long-term view, we believe that the company will meet further success, but holders should be prepared for a possible short-term reaction if the interim figures fail to meet expectations.

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1984-85 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
385	175	BAT Inds.	360	−8
93½	54½	Carroll Inds.	90	..
220	137	Imps	192	−4
201	112	Rothmans	185	−2

RIGHTS ISSUES

Issue Price	Stock	Price	+ or −
245	Fisons (nil pd)	72 pm	−3
70	Jacksons Expl (nil pd)	½ pm	−½
A$0.2	Oil Search (nil pd)	2½ pm	−½
315	Trafalgar House (nv	20 pm	−1
158	Utd. Biscuits (nil pd)	13 pm	−5
240	Watmoughs (nil pd)	25 pm	..

RECENT ISSUES

Issue Price	Stock	Price	+ or −
100	Alexandra Wkwr Plc	142	+5
82	BTS Group	76	+2
185	Bedford William	186	−3
10	Bennett Fountain	15½	+1
150	Berkley Tech.	158	+8
90	Blue Bird Toys	138	+1
105	Consd. Tern. Inv.	95	+1
85	Crown International	80	+5
100	German Small Units	101	+1
145	HillsdownHlds	168	+5
—	Johnson Mt 8% CPref	153	−2
145	Mann & Co.	166	..
100	Mayhew Foods	120	..
60	Optometric (USA)	42	+2
125	Osborne & Little	203	..
—	Pwll Cons. Pref. 6·3%	107	−4
130	Penney & Giles Intl.	172	+4
100	Pepe	99	−2
—	Pleasurama 7% C Prf	119	..
93	Process Systems	82	−2
—	Rocal 7% cpv	110	..
20	Rex Williams	24	..
—	Sangers 11¾% Cr.Ln 94-02	138	..
126	Sims Catering Bchrs.	156	..
68	Stylus TV	104	+1
£49.88	Spain (Kof) 11¾% Ln 2010	£54½	−1⅛
174	Sunasge Comp.	216	−6
—	T & S Stores	£138	..
65	Whitworth Food Gp.	113	−2
—	Wigfall 8.75% CV.CPref.	½	..

TOURIST RATES

Country	Rate
Australia	1·67½ dollars
Austria	26·15 schillings
Belgium	75·00 francs
Canada	1·61 dollars
DENMARK	13·47 kroner
Finland	7·84 markkaa
France	11·43 francs
Germany	3·73 marks
Greece	*164·00 drachmae
Holland	4·23 guilders
Iceland	*49·00 kronur
Ireland	1·20½ punt
Israel	945·00 shekel
Italy	*2,385 lira
Japan	301 yen
Malta	*0·5580 pounds
New Zealand	2·48 dollars
Norway	10·77 kroner
Portugal	*202·00 escudos
South Africa	*2·45 rand
Spain	*205·00 pesetas
Sweden	10·77 kronor
Switzerland	3·16 francs
Turkey	505·00 lira
United States	1·17 dollars
Yugoslavia	*265·00 dinars

Rates indicate approximate foreign currency bank notes obtainable for sterling in Britain. *Subject to limit

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

		Close	Day's range	Contracts traded	High-Low
Long Gilt	Mar	105·15	105·16–105·14	52	105·15–101·22
	June	105·28	105·29–105·22	909	105·28–101·23
US T-bond	June	68·25	68·28–68·19	1453	72·16–67·28
	Sept	67·30	67·31–67·31	20	67·30–67·15
3 month £	June	[illegible]	87·37–69·32	1420	90·13–88·32
	Sept	89·07	89·08–88·30	169	89·08–88·58
3 month Euro-dollar	June	89·85	89·86–89·81	3977	90·89–89·22
	Sept	89·24	89·27–89·19	509	89·24–88·18
Sterling	June	1·1660	1·1598–1·1630	30	1·1800–1·0600
	Sept	1·1640	1·1660–1·1602	13	1·1765–1·0685
D mark	June	0·3137	0·3154–0·3112	103	0·3147–0·2911
	Sept	—	—	—	0·3035–0·3015
Swiss franc	June	—	—	—	0·3720–0·3463
	Sept	—	—	—	
Yen	June	—	—	—	0·3962–0·3850
	Sept	—	—	—	
FT-SE 100	Mar	129·95	129·50–128·60	97	131·00–112·00
	June	129·70	129·60–128·60	184	131·15–120·40

Contract specifications include: Long Gilt—notional 20 year stock with 12 pc coupon and face value of £50,000. US T-bond—notional 15 year stock with 8pc coupon and face value of $100,000. 3 month sterling—eurodollars—$250,000 (US $1 million with cash settlement). Currencies are quoted against the dollar with face values of £25,000, Dm 125,000, SwFr 125,000 and Yen 12,500,000. FT-SE 100 quoted as one-tenth the index with face value of £25 per index point, settlement cash.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

TOTAL CONTRACTS: 7,388

Symbols: xd ex-dividend; ♦ ex-scrip; ‡ ex-rights; *** quotation temp suspended; capital return; z unlisted securities; ° Tax free to non-residents

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Octopus sells shops for £9m

PAUL HAMLYN'S Octopus Publishing Group is selling part of Websters Group, which it bought for £21·3m last December, to W. H. Smith for £9m cash.

The deal covers Websters Bookshops, a chain of 15 shops, and Books for Students, a specialist supplier of paperback books to schools and libraries. The two operations made a profit before tax and interest of more than £600,000 in 1983.

Mr Hamlyn, Octopus chairman, said: "The main business of Websters is book distribution and that is what we wanted. We knew at the time W. H. Smith was interested in the shops so given a reasonable offer we are happy to sell them.

S&N rises to £55m

SMITH & Nephew Associated Companies on sales that rose from £313·9m to £371m reports pre-tax profits of £55·5m for the year ended Dec. 29, compared with £44·6m.

The group proposes a one-for-five scrip issue, and is raising the final dividend from an effective 2·583p to 3·15p a share, payable May 21, making 4·55p (3·75p) for the year.

Questor—P22

Enterprise £62m

PROFITS and dividends at Enterprise Oil are ahead of the forecasts made when the company was brought to the stock market last summer.

Against profits expectations of £47m Enterprise reports £62·6m after tax for 1984. The dividend is 8p with a 5p final. A 7p total had been promised.

Questor—P22

Bell pays more

FIRST half profits to Dec. 31 moved up from £19·1m to £20·7m before tax at Arthur Bell & Sons, the scotch whisky distillers.

For the full year a figure ahead of the £35·2m of 1983-84 is forecast. The interim dividend is lifted from 1·4p to 1·55p a share, payable June 3.

Questor—P22

Quotron quote

SHARES in Quotron Systems, the American financial information services group akin to Reuters, are being introduced into the stock market by Barclays Merchant Bank. First dealings are due on Friday. No money is being raised.

Pre-tax profits were $18·8m ($42·2m) in 1984 and Quotron's market value approximately $360m.

Hodge retires

SIR JULIAN HODGE, aged 80, has retired as chairman of the Commercial Bank of Wales. Viscount Tonypandy, who as George Thomas was the previous Speaker of the House of Commons, succeeds him.

Yearlings higher

INTEREST rates in the local authority yearling bond market have edged up this week from 12¼ p.c. to 12⅜ p.c.

The issues are again all at par and borrowers include London Borough of Hounslow £1m): Allerdale District Council, Darlington Borough Council, and Vale Royal District Council (£500,000 each).

WORLD MARKETS

AMSTERDAM (ANP CBS Gen)	203·9	− 0·6
BRUSSELS (Stock index)	1,074·24	− 4·42
FRANKFURT (Commerzbank)	1,204·1	+ 1·9
HONGKONG (Hang Seng)	1,344·15	−15·10
NEW YORK (Dow Jones)	1259·72	− 0·22
PARIS (CAC General	209·40	− 0·50
SYDNEY (All Ordinaries)	821·2	+10·4
TOKYO (Nikkei Dow)	12,485·15	− 7·11
ZURICH (Credit Suisse)	343·00	− 1·50

U.S. COMMODITIES

FT—ACTUARIES INDICES

Industrial Group	635·63	(− 3·29)
"500"	679·60	(−3·86)
All-share	622·16	(−3·28)

Trade surplus falls to £131m in February

By CLIFFORD GERMAN

EXPORTS and imports rose to record levels in sterling terms last month, and the deficit on trade, excluding oil, narrowed.

But a two-way squeeze on trade in oil widened the overall deficit on visible trade from £76 million in January to £270 million in February, and after allowing for an estimated surplus of £200 million on invisibles, the current account surplus shrank from a revised figure of £341 million in January to £131 million in February.

The figures were rather below City forecasts which had been expecting a rough balance on visible trade and a surplus of £400 million on the current account.

But sterling rallied after some initial losses against Continental currencies to close just over a cent higher at $1·1812 and its trade-weighted average was unchanged at 75·7 p.c.

Total exports rose 5·5 p.c. to £6,897 million, but imports were up over 8 p.c. to £7,167 million. Excluding oil exports went up 9·5 p.c. to £5·37 billion and imports 7 p.c. to £6·32 billion, reducing the deficit by £53 million to £951 million on the month.

But oil shipments abroad fell 6 p.c. to £1,455 billion and oil imports rose 20 p.c. to £847 million, slashing the surplus on oil by a quarter to £681 million.

Official sources were at a loss to explain the sharp turnround from January's record surplus, but bad weather affecting tanker movement, and seasonal maintenance programmes were not enough to bridge the gap, and it seems that low spot oil prices may have encouraged imports and discouraged exports of North Sea oil.

The sharp fall in sterling which plunged to historic lows last month had relatively little effect, as the unit value index of exports rose by 2 p.c. and the unit value of imports by 3 p.c., worsening the terms of trade by just 1 p.c. Oil export prices rose by 6 p.c. and oil import prices by 4 p.c.

Export volume overall was 4·5 p.c. higher and import volume 6 p.c. up.

Exports of chemicals, and both intermediate and capital goods rose above the average in February. Apart from fuels, imports were higher in most categories. Imports of erratic items rose by £79 million with erratic imports little changed.

Over the latest three-month period exports totalled almost exactly £20 billion, an increase of 7·5 p.c. on the previous three-month period, while imports totalled £20·7 billion, a rise of just 1 p.c.

Export volume rose by 4·5 p.c. and import prices rose by 3·5 p.c..

Compared with the same period a year ago, export volume has risen 8·5 p.c. and the export unit value index by 10 p.c. while the import volume is 11 p.c. higher than a year ago and import prices are 12 p.c. higher. Over the same period sterling's average value fell by just over 10 p.c.

Norcros expected to try again for UBM

By RA TICKEL

SPECULATION that Norcros may be about to make a new offer for builders, merchant UBM Group grew yesterday after dealings in both companies' shares were suspended pending an announcement.

Renewed demand for UBM shares following suggestions on Monday that Norcros was about to make a one-for-one share offer, saw UBM improve a further 10 to 160p prior to the mid-morning suspension, for a two-day rise of 21p.

This prompted calls for an inquiry from some quarters in the City, where opinion as to the most likely reasons behind the temporary suspension was divided.

Some observers believed the two sides were close to agreeing terms but most analysts thought Norcros has found a buyer for the 36·5 p.c. of UBM's equity it has held since failing to win control of the builders merchant group with a £75 million offer in the autumn of 1983.

Norcros paid around £26 million for its holding, valued at £34·5 million at yesterday's pre-suspension price. Having failed once to win control of UBM, the market believes Norcros would have to offer up to 200p a share in order to gain control of it now.

This would value UBM at £118 million against the pre-suspension valuation of £94·4 million, and compares with the £164 million price tag attached to Norcros, with its shares suspended at 169p, up 3, yesterday.

Neither side was giving anything away yesterday, but back in October, when announcing a 50 p.c. rise in first half pre-tax profit to £6·94 million just ten days before Norcros was free to renew its bid, a confident UBM chairman Allen Sheppard said: "if they want to come back then they should come back with a decent offer."

Norcros, meanwhile, disappointed its followers last December when it announced opening half pre-tax profits only marginally ahead at £14·1 million against market expectation of £16 million to £17 million.

Companies named as possible buyers for Norcros' stake included the now almost obligatory Hanson Trust, BTR, BMC, and Reed International.

Standard up 8pc to £290m

STANDARD CHARTERED yesterday produced slightly better-than-expected results with an 8 p.c. rise to £290 million in taxable profits for 1984, despite significantly higher bad debt provisions.

The bank, which still earns one-third of its net profits in South Africa and is vulnerable to political developments there, stressed that for the first time ever the contribution from America exceeded that from South Africa.

Both Stanbic, the South African subsidiary, and Union Bank of California produced "excellent performances," according to chairman Lord Barber. But a strong dollar gave Union Bank the edge.

In the City, Standard Chartered's results were described as "heartening" after an extremely disappointing performance at the interim stage.

The bank's shares, depressed in recent days by developments in South Africa, gained 12p to 469p yesterday after touching 474p at one stage.

There was particular praise for the very cautious approach towards the need for bad debt provisions. Specific provisions against identifiable problems rose from £108 million to £119 million while general provisions rose from £26 million to £51 million.

Standard Chartered confirmed yesterday that it has made a specific provision of 25 p.c. against its exposure in Argentina and Bolivia at a total cost of £14·5 million.

The dividend goes up from 28p to 28·5p after a final payment of 19p on May 17.

Fleet spurns United Newspapers' overtures

By JOHN RUDOFSKY

FLEET HOLDINGS yesterday spurned outright the move by regional newspaper group United Newspapers to prepare a bid for its **Daily Express, Sunday Express, Daily Star** and Morgan Grampian magazine business.

Lord Matthews chairman and the Fleet board said no discussions had taken place, although the two chairman were said to have spoken on Monday. He announced that in the absence of any details from United Newspapers a bid "appears to have no merit."

David Stevens, United Newspaper's merchant banker chairman, declared his intention to launch a full offer for Fleet Holdings on Monday. He did not give terms knowing a Monopolies and Mergers Commission investigation into the planned move is inevitable.

Yesterday's Fleet's shares added 14p to 298p despite the feeling that a full blown takeover battle would strain United Newspapers' resources.

With its own shares slipping 7p to 306p, after 301p, United whose titles include the YORKSHIRE POST, PUNCH and EXCHANGE AND MART, is valued at £223 million.

Fleet is valued at £252 million, although United Newspapers starts off with a stake of just over 20 p.c., much of it bought for £30·6 million from Robert Maxwell.

Fleet's interim profits were good, results advancing strongly both from Fleet Street titles and the magazine business. Close observers of the company are looking for as much as £22·5 million pre-tax this year against £17·5 million last time. Fleet's balance sheet is healthier and the group still sits on a Reuters stake worth almost £120 million.

After consulting with advisers Kleinwort Benson, Fleet will write to shareholders shortly. Lord Matthews and his managing director Ian Irvine, (formerly of Touche Rossi, are expected to take a fiercely independen line and will therefore not court a "white knight."

United Newspapers is advised by the most popular takeover technicians of the moment, Morgan Grenfell.

BRITISH AEROSPACE, constrained by secrecy ahead of its May capital raising exercise and the sale of the Government's 48·4 p.c. stake, had to confine itself to the past rather than the future when unveiling 1984 results yesterday.

But there can be little complaint about an outcome showing pre-tax profits up from £82·5 million to £120·2 million during a year of higher launching costs when trading profit from civil aircraft remained marginal and after an increased loss from its space interests.

There can be little doubt, either, about 1985 prospects and projections that BAe should easily strike the £150 million pre-tax mark this year, and belief that margins can only improve within civil aircraft, should make the May offer popular—subject only to final terms and market conditions. The combined share sale and rights issue will soak up £500 million.

The rights issue will expand the group's equity base by no more than 25 p.c. and, because BAe has no specific targets and is merely co-ordinating its fund raising at the same time as the Government's offer, there will be income benefits from the new capital to swell further 1985 projections.

In any case the group now sports an order book of £4·82 billion.

Fears that BAe will be hindered by squeezed Government spending are not well founded. Ministry of Defence business accounts for only one-third of group business and there is increasing interest by other governments to suggest a strong sales pattern.

Exports to Africa and the Americas were especially good in 1984, which more than offset lower sales to the Middle and Far East.

Last year there was market excitement following bid indications from Thorn-EMI and subsequent talks with GEC. Both companies have now withdrawn, with little damage to BAe's share price, which yesterday was 18p higher at 398p, helped by a 50 p.c. increase in 1984's total dividend to 13·65p a share, payable June 5.

CITY COMMENT

BAe's results give May issue flight clearance

Cycles are long in the space industry and investors have to bear in mind the prospects for some years ahead. But on present evidence BAe is a satisfactory investment.

More thrust at County Bank

NATIONAL Westminster Bank has no intention of playing second fiddle to Barclays in the drive for a major role in the international securities markets, in spite of the noticeably more cautious approach adopted so far by its merchant banking subsidiary County Bank.

This was the message yesterday from County chairman Charles Villiers, who announced a 25 p.c. rise to a record £14·1 million in County's taxable profits for 1984 and pointed to the bank's remarkable rise to City fame in just 15 years.

Mr Villiers argues that County took a deliberate decision to buy two medium-sized City firms Bisgood Bishop and Fielding, Newson-Smith as the launchpad for its ambitions in the City, instead of buying the biggest and best in terms of stockbrokers and stockjobbers, as Barclays has done.

But the size of the firms acquired "is no reflection of how seriously we take the new opportunities in the City," says Mr Villiers. He believes it is simply easier to integrate a smaller group and move on from there than to risk biting off more than one can chew.

National Westminster is prepared to back County's move into the securities markets with capital of £150-£200 million "for starters," thus more or less matching the commitment made by Barclays. And if suitable opportunities to expand turn up, money is unlikely to be a constraint.

Roughly £25 million of capital will be devoted to becoming a primary dealer in the gilt-edged market with another £20 million earmarked for developing an international equities operation.

Luckily for County, National Westminster has the ideal City premises to house the newly-combined merchant banking and securities group. County Holdings, as it is to be called, will move into Natwest's prestige offices in Drapers Gardens, Throgmorton Avenue, early next year, becoming one of the few new City financial groups able to operate under one roof.

Natwest believes the development of an international securities operation is far more than a strategic step in the right direction. The bank expects County to eventually become a "substantial" contributor to group profits, providing possibly as much as 10 p.c. of total income.

County Holdings has roughly 1,000 employees but the numbers are expected to rise to 1,500 over the next few years as the group expands into the big league of international securities firms. It would be too much to expect County to eventually rival the giants of the business, like Merrill Lynch of Nomua Securities as they are based in the world's two biggest capital markets. But "we want to be in the top five in Europe," says Mr Villiers.

A challenge building up

BRITISH contractors could be in for a nasty shock as top international construction companies give up waiting for the mega-projects which have been curtailed as a result of world recession and begin to seek work in this country.

Until now British builders have been almost totally free from foreign competition. Indeed, there have been few major takeovers or mergers within the industry. In part this has been a result of the competitive nature of the family businesses which are the backbone of the British construction industry.

But there are now signs that Japanese and South Korean construction groups are eyeing the United Kingdom market. The evidence is that Japanese contractors have emerged as funders for large-scale developments in London.

This enables these oriental construction giants to gain a foothold in the property industry with a view to taking a far more active role eventually, possibly as a builder-promoter.

It was by this method that both Japanese and South Korean construction groups established major real estate holdings in California, where they have taken over frfom the Canadians as the most active developers and investors.

Top among the Japanese contractors are Hitachi Zosen Corporation and Chiyoda Chemical Engineering & Construction, while leading Korean contractors include Dong-Ah Construction and the Daewoo Corporation.

Meanwhile, the British construction industry will be watching with interest to see which Japanese company emerges as the partner of Glengate in the reconstruction of the former Bourne & Hollingsworth store in Oxford Street.

Thorn admits Inmos first-quarter loss

THORN EMI admitted yesterday that 84 p.c.-owned Inmos, the microchip company it bought last year from the Government, has made a small loss in the first quarter of the current year. But the group insisted internal forecasts indicate a profit for the year as a whole.

The group was stung into responding to reports of poor prospects for the semi-conductor industry and the performance of Inmos in particular. The fears knocked Thorn EMI shares 13p to 469p with the group lining-up Inmos for a partial share flotation.

Building Society savers' interest likely to rise

THE INCREASES in savers' interest rates announced by leading building societies are likely to be abandoned and replaced with even bigger benefits. This follows a decision by the Abbey National yesterday to raise some of its rates by more than the threequarters per cent. recommended last week by the Building Societies Association.

Other major societies and most smaller ones have already announced that all their savings account rates are to rise by the threequarters per cent. net of basic rate tax from April 1.

While agreeing yesterday to add that figure to its ordinary and high-interest accounts, giving 8·25 and 10 p.c. respectively, the Abbey is to make a 0·77 p.c. increase to its seven-day and highest ChequeSave rates to give 9·52 p.c. net, which gives a compounded annual rate of 9·75 p.c.

That 9·75 p.c. matches the rate being paid on the Leeds Permanent's Liquid Gold account and the Woolwich's Prime account.

Last night Halifax, Britain's biggest society, was reconsidering the threequarters per cent. increases announced last week and is likely to make a new increase to match the Abbey, the second largest society.

The other member of the Top Five, Nationwide, is not considering an immediate response to the Abbey but will almost certainly revise its rates if the Halifax does.

The Abbey deliberately waited until all competitors anounced their new rates. The society is following competitors in adding just 1 p.c. to its mortgage rate, giving a basic 14 p.c.

BP chief's bonus boosted by 32pc

PROFIT-RELATED bonuses boosted the salaries of British Petroleum directors last year with Sir Peter Walters, chairman, enjoying a 32 p.c. rise.

His salary rose by £58,415 to £241,547, including a £50,000 bonus. His annual increase was in line with the 4½ p.c. cost-of-living rise for all BP staff.

The company's annual report and accounts also show that bonuses to directors were up to £52,500 but thousands of other employees also benefited.

It was also disclosed yesterday that Kennecott, the troubled copper business now part of Sohio, BP's 54 p.c. United States affiliate, has closed indefinitely its Utah copper division.

BP signalled earlier this month that tough action was in the offing to curb rising Kennecott losses which are still running at $40 million in the first quarter this year.

Reagan adamant on free exchange rates

By JAMES SRODES in Washington

PRESIDENT Reagan admitted yesterday that hte world would be better off with a lower dollar but he is opposed to a co-ordinated effort to control exchange rates.

Speaking in response to growing pressure in Europe for the industrial nations to adopt some sort of uniform policy aimed at currency stability, President Reagan said that the dollar will begin to drop on its own accord when other countries "improve their economies."

He also said that a review of the international monetary system is not a top priority with his Administration.

His comments appeared to be directed at recent reports that the Group of 10 has neared agreement on a plan to set up a committee inside the International Monetary Fund that would issue guidelines for more co-ordinated domestic policy action among the major industrial nations in order to promote exchange rate stability.

Pressure to return to managed exchange rates or some sort of currency fluctuation control has been picking up both in Washington and abroad but Mr Reagan's comments clearly indicated that his Administration is still committed to the free exchange rate system.

Wall Street's share prices, meanwhile, continued to sag under the weight of dollar concerns

Many of the country's biggest businesses have warned that that first-quarter earnings will fall short of previous projections

Given the dismal company news, investors held up fairly well and the Dow Jones Industrial Average managed to keep losses to a minimum. The Dow was off two points at 1287·18, shortly before the close.

Shell UK profits 'not good enough'

A RISE of 15 p.c. to £583 million in post-tax profits of Shell U.K. was not good enough, John Raisman, retiring chairman, said yesterday.

Profits should have been around £500 million, he added.

Higher North Sea oil production contributed to the profits rise. The exploration and production side of the business produced a pre-tax profit of £2·4 billion, £460 million up on 1983 but this was whittled down to £589 million after tax which totalled £1·85 billion (£1·44 billion) for the year,

Enterprise Oil

A year of substantial progress.

Results in brief	31 December 1984 £m	1983 (eight months) £m
Turnover	266.7	142.5
Pre-tax Profit	138.5	83.2
Taxation	(75.9)	(52.4)
Profit on Ordinary Activities after Taxation	62.6	30.8
Earnings per share	29.5p	14.5p
Dividends per share	8.0p	Nil

Dividend
Results have exceeded those forecast on the Offer for Sale last June. The Board is therefore recommending an increase of 1p per share in the final dividend, to 5p per share, bringing the total for the year to 8p.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Profits after taxation of £62.6 million compared with £47 million forecast last June.
- Production averaged 32,000 barrels a day, nearly one third more than in 1983.
- Important gas discovery in the North Sea, 65 miles north east of Hull.
- Encouraging results for development potential of Arbroath oil discovery 140 miles east of Aberdeen.
- Interests in 35 blocks on the UK Continental Shelf — an increase of nearly one third during the year.
- First corporate acquisition, announced in 1985, adding interests in 12 UK offshore blocks and 6 offshore the Netherlands.
- Exploration acreage obtained in 5 West European countries — France, Ireland, Denmark, Italy and the Netherlands.
- First onshore licence acquired near York gives Enterprise its first operatorship.

'Enterprise is well positioned to exploit opportunities for growth'.

Enterprise Oil

Full Report and Accounts available 22 April 1985 from the Secretary: Enterprise Oil plc, 5 Strand, London, WC2N 5HU

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Clerical Medical

Life Assurance

Annual General Meeting

Notice is given that the 161st Annual General Meeting of the Clerical, Medical and General Life Assurance Society will be held at the Principal Office of the Society, 15 St. James's Square, London SW1Y 4LQ, on Wednesday 24 April 1985 at 2.30 pm for the following purposes:

1. To receive the Accounts of the Society for the year ended 31 December 1984 and the Directors' and Auditors' Reports thereon.
2. To re-elect Directors.
3. To re-appoint the Auditors and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.
4. To approve an increase in the limits of remuneration payable to the Directors.
5. To transact any other ordinary business of an Annual General Meeting.

Extraordinary General Meeting

Notice is also given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society will be held at the same place and on the same date immediately following the conclusion or adjournment of the Annual General Meeting.

1. To receive a Report from the Directors declaring the results of the actuarial investigation made into the financial condition of the Society as at 31 December 1984, and the amount of the divisible profits in respect of that year.
2. To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution to be proposed as a Special Resolution:

"That the Laws and Regulations of the Society ('the Regulations') be altered in the following manner:

Sub-Article (1) of Article 30 of the Regulations shall be altered to remove the requirement therein that two of the Directors be members of the medical profession by replacing it with the following Sub-Article:

(1) The number of the Directors shall not be more than eighteen nor less than eight."

Any member entitled to attend and vote at the Meetings may appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him.

A proxy need not be a member of the Society.

Any instrument appointing a proxy must be deposited at the Principal Office of the Society not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for the Meetings.

By order of the Board
A. G. O'Leary
Secretary

Principal Office
15 St. James's Square
London SW1Y 4LQ
27 March 1985

THE QUESTOR COLUMN

Enterprise priorities change

THERE was never much doubt that Enterprise Oil would knock its prospectus profits forecast into the proverbial cocked hat, the only question being by how much.

In the event profits at £62·6 million after tax are one-third higher than the £47 million estimate made last summer, while the dividend is more generous than promised.

The weakness of sterling against the dollar accounts for around 60 p.c. of the profits overshoot with the balance arising from earlier-than-expected production from the Hutton Field.

Not only in terms of 1984 profitability, however, is Enterprise a somewhat different animal than the one described in the prospectus. There it was made clear that production would peak in 1985 and would decline rapidly thereafter unless new interests were acquired.

But now Enterprise is saying that production will not peak until 1989 based on present interests and will remain above the 1984 level for the rest of this decade. Again the early start-up at Hutton is part of the story, but the greater part arises from mechanical difficulties at Beryl "B" which will lop up to 6,000 barrels a day off Enterprise's 1985 share.

The company has also put together an exploration programme amounting to around £50 million in 1985, enough to offset petroleum revenue tax in a highly efficient manner.

Drawing the threads together suggests that Enterprise is no longer so desperate for acquisitions and that it can take its time and pick its targets.

Stock market rumour has run the gamut of possibilities from Anvil through to Tricentrol, paying particular regard to TC Gas and Lasmo. Where Enterprise will settle is still speculation, but it is significant that it is currently sitting on £150 million of cash and has the potential to borrow £500 million against current collateral.

That suggests that an equity issue is relatively unlikely and once the market takes that on board the price should pick up smartly from its current 202p, where the prospective yield is 6½ p.c. and the price-earnings ratio only a shade above five.

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Smith & Nephew long-term buy

MORE PEOPLE rushing for Elastoplast in the United Kingdom, increased numbers of sun worshippers boosting sun-tan lotion sales, and general increased market penetration across the board kept Smith & Nephew's record profits streak intact in the year ended Dec. 29.

The fourth quarter made up for a slowdown in the third quarter to see pre-tax profits finish the year at £55·5 million, against £44·6 million, and there is the traditional scrip issue—one-for-five.

This annual gesture may take a rest in 1985, but earnings momentum remains strong, and a firmer springboard into the United States markets has now been established following last month's acquisition of $57·9 million of Affiliated Hospital Products.

Margins overall have improved, and within medical and health care, Spanish interests, helped by increased business with North Africa, made a significant recovery.

Personal hygiene was not as strong as expected, but the cost savings programme is now over, market share has increased, and benefits should be seen this current year.

Toiletries, where operating margins advanced from 15·9 p.c. to 20 p.c., showed their best percentage growth for some time, and despite slack tender business from the Middle East the medical and other textiles division improved from £4·5 million to £4·9 million at the operating level.

Plastic and tapes could slow in 1985 as the United States suffers from dollar problems, but overall direction of the group remains forward.

Smith & Nephew is on course for £70 million pre-tax and at 234p, up 2p, offers a prospective price-earnings ratio of 17.

The rating takes full account of a group with the right products in the right places, but a buy with the long term in mind should not disappoint.

Arthur Bell modestly rated

THE last thing that Arthur Bell & Sons needs is problems with its newly-acquired hotel division, yet that is precisely what it has had to accommodate.

Already its whisky business is fighting for market share against a decline in demand at around 4 p.c. a year. The glass container division is only just about breaking even at the operating level, but clearly in loss after interest. The United States is proving a tough environment in which to launch the Bell's brand.

So in the short term, growth has to be generated by the hotel business, Gleneagles Hotels. The Gleneagles itself is going as expected, but the refurbishment of the 500-room Piccadilly has hit delays and cost overruns.

It closed in October and had been due to reopen at the beginning of May after expenditure of £10·1 million. In the event, it will not open until the end of June after refurbishment costs of £16 million.

Thus the current financial year to June 30 will miss out on two months of the London hotel boom, and earlier profit expectations for the group are having to be reined back.

Time market in any case drew little encouragement from the half time figures. Pre-tax profits are up from £19·1 million to £20·7 million, including a first time contribution of £2·17 million, pre-interest, from Gleneagles.

Bell's strength in whisky is rooted firmly in the domestic market where it is putting heavy promotional effort behind the brand to limit the damage being inflicted by the "cheapie" brands.

The only area of growth in the whisky business is exports, which did pick up during the half year. Even so, they account for only 18 p.c. of Bell's whisky turnover and the drive into the United States will take time, money and management effort.

The share price has already taken all that on board. Bell's shares peaked at just under 200p in 1983, and yesterday closed 10p off at 148p. There the prospective price-earnings ratio is around eight and the yield 5 p.c. — modest enough ratings but not yet an invitation to purchase.

Mexico considers loan for Argentina arrears

By ANNE SEGALL

MEXICAN Finance Minister Jesus Silva Herzog said in Vienna yesterday that a bridging loan for Argentina was "under consideration" to help the country meet mounting interest arrears to commercial banks.

The need for bridging finance follows the decision by the International Monetary Fund to suspend the first two instalments of a $1·4 billion (£1·2 billion) standby credit for Argentina because of its failure to meet IMF targets.

Jacques de Larosière, managing director of the IMF, says this meant that no money from the fund would now be forthcoming, at least until July.

Banks are concerned that unless Argentina makes progress towards clearing a backlog of interest payments estimated at around $850 million their efforts to help the country by putting together a $4·2 billion (£3·6 billion) commercial loan will be jeopardised.

Banks are prepared to reschedule roughly $13·5 billion (£11·5 billion) of Argentine debt over 12 years as well as provide new funds. Argentina owes the world $45 billion (£38·5 billion), making it the third biggest debtor after Brazil and Mexico.

Natwest $400m floater

NATIONAL Westminster successfully launched a $400 million floating rate note issue under new Bank of England guidelines yesterday.

The issue, which was increased from $300 million "to meet strong investor demand," is the first to test the Bank's tougher rules on subordinated debt.

The notes have a life of 20 years, with interest payable every six months at a rate of 3/16 p.c. over the London inter-bank bid rate, the rate at which major banks bid for funds. The issue was managed by County Bank, Natwest's wholly-owned merchant banking subsidiary.

● German-based foreign banks could be soon allowed to lead-manage Deutschemark Eurobonds, acording to Bundesbank president Karl-Otto Poehl, who said yesterday that the time is ripe for changes.

Mr Poehl made it clear that he expected reciprocity towards West German banks operating abroad, adding that there would be a reaction in case of discriminaton.

FAMILY MONEY GO ROUND

Budget analysis in a booklet

THOUSANDS of readers have already written asking for our Family Money-Go-Round Budget booklet, but it is still available to readers who want to know just how last week's announcements from Mr Lawson, Chancellor, will affect their tax in the coming year.

The booklet reprints the analysis included in The Daily Telegraph's personal finance pages last Saturday, but adds further important information, and to help readers cope with the new capital gains tax rules, we are supplying a list of the value of shares as at March 31, 1982—the new key date for the tax calculation.

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Preliminary announcement of results for 1984

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†Results for 1984	1984 £m	1983 £m
Turnover	2,468	2,300
Trading profit	166	112*
Launching costs written off	(51)	(43)
Net interest receivable	4	12
Profit before taxation	120	82
Profit after taxation	108	82
Earnings per share (net basis)	54.0p	41.1p
Dividends per share (net)	13.65p	9.10p

†Extract from preliminary announcement of results for 1984 based on audited accounts for the year to 31st December 1984.

**After charging £34m for redundancy and reorganisation costs in 1983.*

IMI 1984 Results

Year ended 31 December 1983 £m		Year ended 31 December 1984 £m
676.3	Turnover	737.9
41.6	Trading Profit	52.6
4.7	Income from investments and interest received	6.1
(14.7)	Interest payable	(13.6)
31.6	Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	45.1
(11.7)	Tax on profit on ordinary activities	(15.4)
19.4	Profit applicable to shareholders of IMI plc before extraordinary items	28.9
(10.3)	Extraordinary loss after taxation	(3.1)
10.8	Dividends	12.1
7.2p	Earnings per share (excluding extraordinary items)	10.7p

Notes

1. Turnover and pre-tax profits were respectively 9% and 43% up on last year's figures. UK sales at £385 million were 2% higher (10% after taking disposals into account). Overseas sales amounted to 48% of total sales, with exports from the UK at £115 million up by 20% and sales by overseas companies at £239 million up by 17%.
The analysis of turnover and profit on ordinary activities before taxation by class of business is as follows:—

1983 Turnover £m	1983 Profit £m		1984 Turnover £m	1984 Profit £m
155	7.5	Building products	166	6.6
79	2.5	Heat exchange	75	4.4
98	9.8	Drinks dispense	118	13.0
62	4.9	Fluid power	79	9.3
36	4.1	Special-purpose valves	38	3.9
70	2.6	General engineering (and other activities)	79	6.5
243	2.6	Refined and wrought metals	249	4.5
743	34.0		804	48.2
—	(2.4)	Corporate finance and administration costs	—	(3.1)
(67)	—	Intra-group sales	(66)	—
676	31.6	Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	738	45.1

2. Rationalisation and reorganisation costs of £3.4 million (1983: £5.1m) have been charged against profit on ordinary activities.
3. Provision has been made for the payment of a bonus of £1.3 million (1983: £0.8m) to employees participating in the IMI employees' profit-sharing scheme.
4. Extraordinary items consists of rationalisation and other costs of £1.7 million (after tax relief) and a provision for deferred tax relating to prior years amounting to £1.4 million.

Dividends

The Directors recommend a final dividend of 2.5p per Ordinary Share, payable on 24 May 1985 to shareholders on the Register at the close of business on 26 April 1985, which will absorb £6.7 million (1983: £6.7m). Together with the interim dividend of 2.0p per share paid on 22 October 1984, this makes a total of 4.5p per share (1983: 4.0p per share).

The 1984 figures have been abridged from the audited accounts which will be posted to shareholders on 23 April. The figures for 1983 have been abridged from audited accounts for the year which gave a true and fair view within the meaning of the Companies Act 1948.

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BP BRIEFING No. 2: ANNUAL REPORT

A year of encouraging progress.

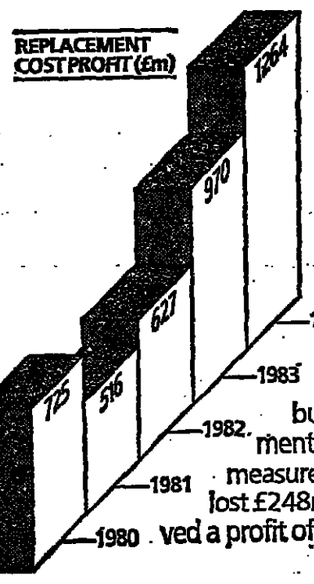
Profit after taxation

BP's financial results for 1984 showed a substantial improvement on 1983. Replacement cost profit was up by 30% to £1264 million. Historical cost profit increased by 62% to £1402 million. The difference reflects a gain in the value of stocks held which, in a year when the price of oil was under pressure, was mostly due to the strength of the US dollar.

Earnings from upstream exploration and production strengthened. In part this was due to the first full year's production from BP's wholly-owned Magnus field in the North Sea. Sales from upstream activity are made in dollars. Profits from these sales, expressed in sterling, benefit considerably from the strength of the dollar.

BP's downstream refining and marketing operations were profitable and show a considerable improvement in BP's competitive strength. Returns were still depressed by industry over-capacity and BP has recently announced further closures. For BP, as for the rest of the industry, the continued rise of the dollar against all European currencies meant that prices realised in Europe could not reflect increases in the local cost of oil.

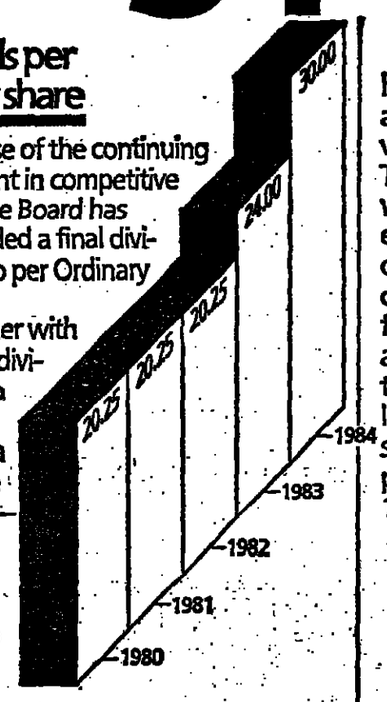
BP's chemicals business has also implemented major cost-cutting measures since 1981, when it lost £248m, and this year achieved a profit of £70m.



Dividends per ordinary share

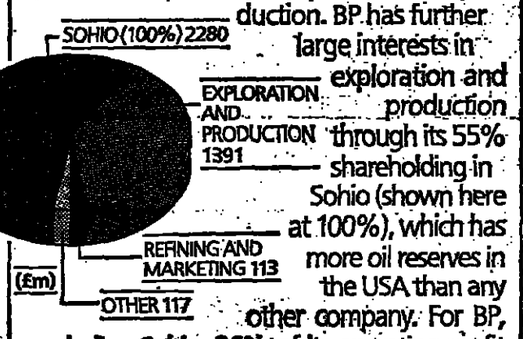
Because of the continuing improvement in competitive strength, the Board has recommended a final dividend of 20p per Ordinary Share.

Together with the interim dividend of 10p per share, this makes a total for the year of 30p – a 25% increase over the 1983 total of 24p per share.



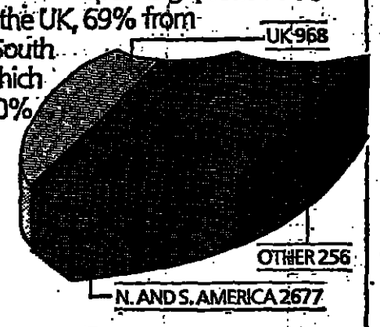
Operating Profit by Activity

BP's operating profits come largely from its direct interests in oil exploration and production. BP has further large interests in exploration and production through its 55% shareholding in Sohio (shown here at 100%), which has more oil reserves in the USA than any other company. For BP, excluding Sohio, 86% of its operating profit comes from exploration and production, with refining and marketing accounting for 7% and the remainder from other BP businesses.



Operating Profit by Region (£m)

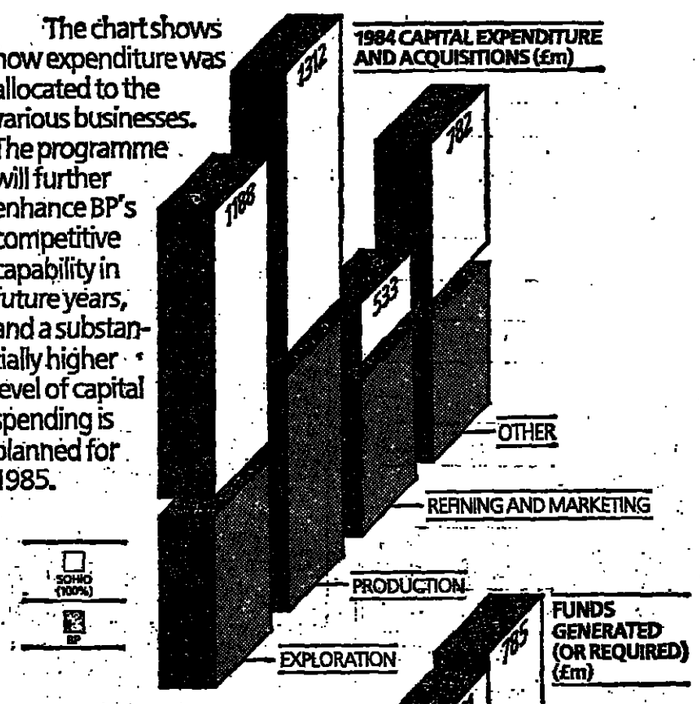
25% of the operating profit in 1984 came from the UK, 69% from North and South America (which includes 100% of Sohio's earnings) and 6% from other regions.



Capital Expenditure

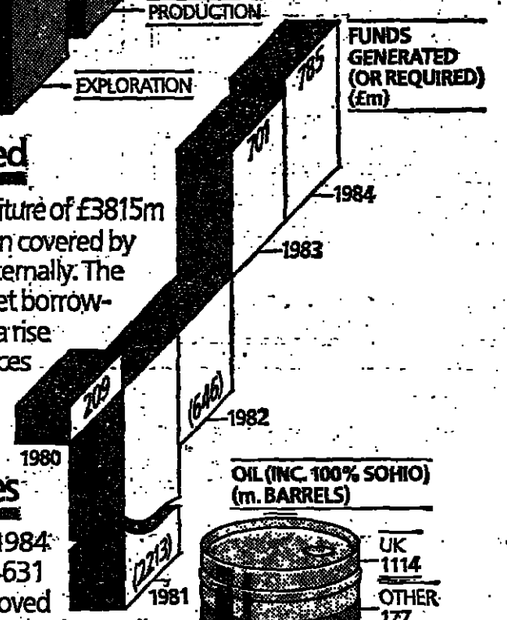
Throughout the year, BP continued to improve the strategic composition of its business by an active programme of capital expenditure, acquisitions, disposals and closures.

The chart shows how expenditure was allocated to the various businesses. The programme will further enhance BP's competitive capability in future years, and a substantially higher level of capital spending is planned for 1985.



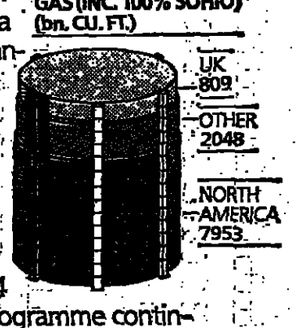
Funds generated

Capital expenditure of £3815m by BP was more than covered by funds generated internally. The excess, and some net borrowing, contributed to a rise in BP's liquid resources from £1200 million to £2300 million.



Proved reserves

At the end of 1984 the BP Group had 4631 million barrels of proved reserves. This represented a small overall increase after a year when 465 million barrels were produced. BP Exploration's share of these reserves totalled 1728 million barrels, located principally in the UK and North America. Its proved natural gas reserves totalled 3838 billion cubic feet, mostly in Australasia, North America and the UK. Substantial quantities of oil and gas, which have been discovered, cannot yet be classified as proved.



Current Exploration

BP Exploration's 1984 oil and gas exploration programme continued at a high level, with emphasis on the UK, Alaska, Egypt, China and Indonesia. Worldwide, BP drilled 195 gross (71 net) exploration and appraisal wells in 22 different countries, acting as operator in 11 of them. New leases were taken out in 15 countries.

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COMPANIES

Reckitt £106m tops estimate

RECKITT & Colman has topped its February estimate of 1984 pre-tax profits of not less than £105m against £88·8m with £106·4m for earnings of 41·94p (36·85p).

Turnover came out at £1·12bn (£981m), reflecting real volume growth after stripping out the effects of inflation. In broad terms the British businesses performed well with significant contributions from the smaller units.

The United States side was mixed. Continental Europe was excellent and Australia, New Zealand and the Far East all did well.

The group adds that in the United States the household product development programme is well under way and will benefit significantly from December's £165m Airwick acquisition.

The final is 8·8p on July 4, making 14·5p (12·4p).

IMI

BIRMINGHAM-BASED metals and engineering group IMI has turned in better-than-expected full year pre-tax profits of £45·1m against £31·6m and is restoring the dividend to 1981 levels with a 2·5p final making 4·5p (4p) on Ma[illegible].

The drinks dispensing side continued to lead the way with [illegible] up by a [illegible] to £1.m. Other strong performances came from fluid power, up from £4·9m to £9·3m, and the almost entirely British-based engineering side which went from £2·6m to £6·5m.

A second half recovery in prices of and demand for titanium helped refined and wrought metals on from £2·6m to £4·5m but building products, hit by competition in France and the United Kingdom plastic pipe business, slipped from £7·5m to £6·6m.

Booker McConnell

BOOKER McCONNELL, currently fighting a £300m-plus bid from Dee Corporation, believes 1984 results—up from £25·1m to £36·8m pre-tax as foreshadowed—represent a springboard for further advances in profits and dividends.

The group, it says, has excellent prospects for 1985 and beyond. Booker's end-year net cash surplus amounted to £26·3m.

C. H. Beazer

C. H. BEAZER, Brian Beazer's fast-growing West Country construction concern, picked up nearly £14m on its acceptance of Consolidated Gold Field's successful counter offer for Bath & Portland Group late last year.

Beazer, which subsequently acquired Newcastle housebuilder William Leech for £26m, reports opening half pre-tax profits ahead from £4·81m to £6·61m.

Earnings come out at 20·5p (18·5p) and the interim dividend is lifted from 3·5p to 4p.

Bemrose

SECURITY printer and packaging maker Bemrose Corporation is cutting the final dividend from 7n to just a penny on May 24 for a 5·4p (11n) total.

Problems in its security printing business sent the group £109,000 into the red in the closing months, leaving full year pre-tax profits back from £5·21m to £152,000.

Brent Chemicals

IT HAS BEEN another year of solid progress for Brent Chemicals International for with trading conditions in most markets somewhat better than in 1983 all its divisions have increased both sales and profits to take the pre-tax out-turn on from £4·05m to a new peak of £4·81m.

A 2·75p final makes 3·5p (2·8p) from earnings of 7·6p (5·6p).

W. Canning

A STRONG improvement in the performance of W. Canning's chemical activities enabled the group to increase pre-tax profits from £1·55m to £1·94m in 1984.

Earnings emerge at 9·95p against 7·52p and the dividend is going up from 2·5p to 3·5p with a 2·4p final on July 1—a 3·25p total was forecast with June's £2·6m rights issue.

Croda

CRODA International has had another record year, spearheaded by Chemicals International, with pre-tax profits up by 14·1 p.c. from £17·6m to £20·05m.

Maintaining its progress of recent years, Chemicals International came out over £2m ahead at £12·2m despite the serious effect of the miners' strike on its application chemicals side. Polymers' contribution rose from £1·18m to £2·37m thanks to a significantly improved year overseas.

A 4p final on July 1 keeps the total at 7p from earnings of 10·49p (9·31p).

Delta Group

IN WHAT Delta describes as "another year of major progress," pre-tax profits rose from £31·8m to a record £45·7m. Earnings emerge at 20·9p against 15p, and a 2·68p final dividend on July 1 makes 4·5p (3·75p).

Pre-interest profits at home improved by 28 p.c. to £35·7m with overseas profits also improving by 24 p.c. to £17·4m.

Interest charges were £7·4m against £10m.

Equity & Law

EQUITY & Law reports a total distributable surplus for 1984 on its long-term funds of £60·8m, an increase of 26 p.c. over the previous year and almost double the amount for 1981.

The shareholders' entitlement, after allowing for tax relief on general annuity and pension policies, amounted to £5·55m (£4·26m).

The society is increasing the dividend from 4·5p to 5·6p, with a 4·6p final, payable July 1. Total funds under management increased by 21 p.c. to £2·51bn at end-December.

Home Charm

DO-IT-YOURSELF specialist Home Charm Group increased pre-tax profits for 1984 from £7·05m to a new peak of £10·8m on turnover of £185m against £136m.

Earnings climb from 8·5p to 13·2p and a 1·75p final dividend lifts the total to 2·75p (2p).

Iceland Foods

OCTOBER'S hugely successful new issue Iceland Frozen Foods has comfortably beaten its full year pre-tax forecast of not less than £2·8m with £2·97m (£1·32m) on a 40 p.c. sales rise to £65·2m.

There are earnings of 19·99p (12·58p) but no dividend, as foreshadowed.

Johnson Cleaners

JOHNSON Group Cleaners met its profits forecast of £6·1m pre-tax (£6·3m in 1983) made in tending on Nottingham Manufacturing and is "on course" for the £3·7m (£2·7m) forecast for the first half this year.

Final dividend is 15·42p net, making 18·6p, up 50 p.c.

Finance houses lend £9·8bn

BRITAIN'S finance houses lent a record £9·8 billion in 1984, an increase of 21 p.c., leaving the outstanding debt at the end of the year at £17·4 billion.

Lending to the consumer accounted for £4·4 billion of the total, an increase of 16 p.c. over the year and 52 p.c. over the last two years, and a third of all new cars sold in 1984 were funded by the 42 members of the Finance Houses Association.

Ian Miller, chairman, told the association's annual dinner last night that the rapid growth in consumer borrowing was encouraging more lending organisations as well as national retailers with their own credit cards to enter the consumer credit market.

"The consequence is likely to be a further growth in consumer credit, pressure on existing margins and growth in arrears and debt problems." Personal sector liabilities, he said, had doubled in five years.

Mr Miller was also critical of the "socially privileged" position building societies would have under the proposed extension of their role. His association was urging the Government to see that competition was on a fair and equal basis.

Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England, told the association it was important that the results of extra competition should not pose undue problems for monetary control. If consumers' borrowing continued to rise sharply the resultant monetary pressure would be of major concern to the authorities.

STANDARD CHARTERED PLC

1984 RESULTS

The Directors announce the results of Standard Chartered Group for 1984, as follows:

	1984	1983
	£ million	£ million
Trading profit		
Company and subsidiaries	326.7	275.5
Share of associated companies	36.9	32.3
	363.6	307.8
Interest on subordinated loan capital	73.3	39.7
Profit before taxation	290.3	268.1
Taxation	150.0	110.9
	140.3	157.2
Minority interests	40.2	43.5
Profit before extraordinary items	100.1	113.7
Extraordinary items	(26.7)	(24.3)
Profit attributable to members of the Company	73.4	89.4
Dividends: Interim	14.8	14.8
Final	29.5	28.7
Profit retained	29.1	45.9
Earnings per share	64.4p	77.1p

DIVIDEND: The Directors will recommend at the Annual General Meeting on the 8th May, 1985, a final dividend of 19.0 pence per share, making a total distribution for 1984 of 28.5 pence per share. The final dividend will be paid on the 17th May, 1985, to shareholders on the Register on the 25th April, 1985.

Standard Chartered

NEW ISSUES

FKI Electricals

FKI ELECTRICALS is raising £7m net through a two-for-nine rights issue at 58p and a one-for-£1·2250 nominal convertible preference. Main shareholders are not taking up their rights.

The money will cut debts while the group looks for more acquisitions. It forecasts £5·5m pre-tax in the year to end-March against £2·26m last year.

Berkeley Group

HOUSEBUILDER Berkeley Group which only joined the unlisted security market last July, is raising £5·5m net in a one-for-four rights issue at 142p. Original placing price was 85p.

Pre-tax profits of £2·15m are forecast for the year to end-April (£1·55m). Key shareholders are placing most of their rights.

Bond Corporation

SUBSIDIARIES of the Australian Bond Corporation, which is bidding for Arnotts, the Australian food group, have started legal proceedings to stop Arnotts placing new shares with the Campbell Soup group.

Arnotts and Campbell are already associated, claims Bond Corporation, with Campbell entitled to more than 20 p.c. of Arnotts's shares. The new placing breaks Australian takeover rules, Bond says.

New London Oil

AROUND £367m of investors' money has been chasing the offer for sale of 6·5m shares at 175p each in New London Oil. Some 70,000 applications were received for about 210m shares, a subscription rate of 32·5 times.

Applications for 100 to 900 shares—weighted ballot for 100; 1,000 to 7,000—weighted ballot for 200; 7,500 to 9,500—about 5 p.c. of the amount applied for; 10,000 to 245,000—about 5·5 p.c. of the amount applied for; 250,000 shares and above—4 p.c. of the amount applied for. Dealings are expected to start next Monday.

Oliver Mining

IRISH oil minnow Oliver Prospecting & Mining is to raise IR£1·87m (£1·54m) in a one-for-two rights issue at IR49p (40p) and a placing of 1·65m new ordinary at a similar price.

Proceeds will meet exploration obligations of Wington Enterprises, which Oliver is to acquire.

Through the acquisition, Oliver will acquire an effective 5 p.c. working interest in an onshore concession in the eastern part of Abu Dhabi.

Oliver's pre-tax losses for the year ended October 31, deepened from IR£58,300 to IR£217,000.

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Over-the-Counter Market

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yd %	P/E Actual	P/E Fully Taxed
144	123	Ass. Brit. Ind. Ord.	142	—	6·6	4·4	7·5	9·4
151	135	Ass. Brit. Ind. CULS	148	—	10·0	6·8	—	—
77	51	Airsprung Group	56	—	6·4	11·4	6·2	7·4
42	26	Armitage & Rhodes	34	—	2·9	8·5	4·2	7·0
145	108	Bardon Hill	143	—	3·4	2·4	14·4	24·0
58	42	Bray Technologies	54	+1	3·5	6·6	6·3	9·0
201	170	CCL Ordinary	170	—	12·0	7·1	—	—
152	110	CCL 11 p.c. Conv. Pref.	110	—	15·7	13·8	—	—
915	100	Carborundum Ord.	915	—	5·7	0·6	—	—
87	84	Carborundum 7·5 p.c. Pref.	87	—	10·7	12·5	—	—
105	45	Cindico Group	45s	—	—	—	—	—
75	51	Deborah Services	53	—	6·5	12·3	5·0	8·2
312	182	Frank Horsell	312	—	—	—	12·5	16·4
266	170	Frank Horsell Pr. Ord. 87	266	—	9·6	3·6	10·7	14·0
32	25	Frederick Parker	27	—	—	—	—	—
58	53	George Blair	57	−1	—	—	5·8	7·7
50	25	Ind. Precision Castings	25xd	—	2·7	10·8	6·8	7·4
218	186	Isis Group	189	—	15·0	7·9	7·5	13·6
124	102	Jackson Group	102	—	4·9	4·8	4·7	9·2
285	215	James Burrough	254	—	13·7	5·4	9·0	8·0
93	85	James Burrough 9 p.c. Pref.	85	—	12·9	15·2	—	—
87	71	John Howard & Company	87	+1	5·0	5·7	8·9	12·6
178	100	Linguaphone Ord.	178	+6	—	—	6·5	6·8
100	95	Linguaphone 10·5 p.c. Pref.	96	—	15·0	15·6	—	—
617	300	Minihouse Holding N.V.	617	+2	3·8	0·6	44·4	48·6
120	31	Robert Jenkins	45	—	5·0	11·1	—	—
60	28	Scruttons 'A'	32	—	5·7	17·8	16·8	3·9
92	61	Torday & Carlisle	78	—	—	—	8·4	17·7
444	335	Trevian Holdings	355	—	4·3	1·2	20·2	19·8
27	17	Unilock Holdings	27	—	1·3	4·8	15·1	18·9
98	81	Walter Alexander	95	—	7·5	7·9	9·4	11·4
247	224	W. S. Yeates	217xd	—	17·4	8·0	6·2	10·6

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MONEY & EXCHANGES

THE pound took advantage of further weakness n the dollar yesterday, rising by more than one cen from $1·1702 to $1·1812 in spite of a poor set of United Kingdom trade figures.

Dealers said trading in the dollar was extremely nervous, with many investors concerned about rumours of serious American banking problems.

The pound also gained in terms of the Deutschemark but was a bit weaker elsewhere. The sterling index thus simply held steady at 75·7 in spite of the pound's improvement in dollar terms.

The cost of wholesale money in London was broadly unchanged with the key three-month interbank rate holding at 13[illegible] p.c. on the bid side. Liquidity conditions improved, with the Bank finding little difficulty in proving relief against a £650 million cash shortage in the banking system.

THE POUND ABROAD

	26-3-85	Prev. close
Austria	26 61–.71	26 60–.70
Belgium*	76 20–.35	76 08–.29
Canada	1 6238–.6294	1.6145–.6201
Denmark	15 5474–.5774	15 5603–.6011
France	11.5748–.6072	11.5704–.6087
Germany W.	3.7912–.7984	3 7863–.7935
Holland	4 2781–.2898	4 2780–.2859
Ireland	1.2110–.2125	1.2120–.2180
Italy	2408.22–2419.55	2406.54–2415.48
Japan	301.74–302.30	300.04–.80
Norway	10.8865–.8921	10.8424–.8726
Portugal	211.31–215.12	209.43–213.21
Spain	210.72–211.22	210.37–.87
Sweden	10.8724–.8980	10.8365–.8621
Switzerland	3 2110–.2186	3.2068–.2152
Utd. States	1.1805–.1820	1.1695–.1710

* Convertible rate.

Effective Sterling Exchange Rate Index NOON 75·8 (75·7) CLOSE 75·7 (75·7) (Base 1975 = 100)

OTHER MARKET RATES

Argentina	Peso 389 23–389.92
Australia	A$1 6845–1 6875
Brazil	Cruzeiro 5030 06–5057.91
Cyprus	C£ 0.7719–0.7770
Finland	Markka 7.8488–7.8614
Greece	Drachma 160 71–164.34
Hong Kong	HK$ 9.2060–9 2160
India	Rupee 14.9253
Iraq*	Dinar 0.3640–0.3659
Kuwait	Dinar 0.3540–0.3580
Malaysia	Ringgit 3,0170–3.0270
Saudi Arabia	Ryal 4.2260–4.2560
Singapore	S$ 2.6570–2.6670
South Africa	Rand 2.3415–2.3505
United Arab Emirates	Dirham 4.2815–4.3215

* Subject to limit

DOLLAR RATES

	26 3-85	Prev close
France	9·8050	9·8825
Germany	3·2090	3·2370
Switzerland	2·7180	2·7418
Japan	255·60	256·65
Trade weighted ave.	149·60	150·50

EUROCURRENCIES

DOLLARS: 7 days 8½–8⅝; 1 month 8[illegible]–8[illegible]; 3 months 9[illegible]–9[illegible]; 6 months 9¼–9[illegible]

MARKS: 7 days 5⅝–5¾; 1 month 5[illegible]–5[illegible]; 3 months 5[illegible]–6; 6 months 5[illegible]–6¼

SWISS FRANCS: 7 days 13½–13[illegible]; 1 month 5[illegible]–5[illegible]; 3 months 5¾–5⅞; 6 months 5[illegible]–5[illegible]

FORWARD RATES

The forward rates for currencies for one month and three months are as follows:

	One month	Three months
Austria	17½–15⅝ Gr.pm	44½–41½ Gro. pm
Belgium	26–20 c.pm	58–60 c.pm
Canada	0 39–0 42 c.pm	0.96–0.89 c pm
Denmark	3–1¾ Ore pm	7½–6¼ Ore pm
France	3⅝–3 c.pm	7⅝–6½ c pm
Germany W.	2⅛–2⅛ Pfg pm	7½–6⅞ Pfg pm
Holland	2¾–2½ c.pm	7–6⅝ c.pm
Italy	Par–3 Lire dis	7–11 Lire dis
Japan	2⅛–1⅞ Yen pm	5¾–5 Yen pm
Norway	2–1 Ore pm	5¼–2½ Ore pm
Portugal	135–495 c.dis	475–1410 c.dis
Spain	25–15 c.pm	15 c.pm–15 c.dis
Sweden	½ Ore pm–Par	¼ O.pm–½ O.pm
Switzerland	2½–2¼ c pm	6¼–5⅞ c pm
Utd. States	0.54–0.51 c.pm	1.26–1.21 c.pm

GOLD PRICE

1st Fix $316·00; 2nd Fix $323·75; Close $324·00 ($316·75); Sterling Equiv. £274·29 (£269·82)

KRUGERRANDS*

£279·00–£338·90 (£274·40–£333·61)

PLATINUM NOBLES

£237·75–£240·50 (£235·40–£238·18)

NEW SOVEREIGNS*

£62·00–£79·56 (£61·40–£78·68)

* Banks selling rate includes VAT and charges. Buying rate excludes VAT. Prices are for single coins.

MONEY MARKET RATES (per cent.)

CLEARING BANKS Base Rate 13½ (March 20)

FINANCE HOUSES Base Rate 12½ pc (Mar.1)

DISCOUNT MKT.: Day-to-Day 6–14

INTERBANK: Overnight 13¾–14; 7 days 13[illegible]–14¼; 1 month 14–14[illegible]; 3 months 13[illegible]–13[illegible]; 6 months 12[illegible]–12[illegible]

LOCAL AUTHORITY DEPOSITS: Two days 14¼; Seven days 14¼; One month 14; Three months 13[illegible]

BANK BILLS: 1 month 13[illegible]–13[illegible]; 3 months 12[illegible]–12¾; 6 months 11[illegible]–12[illegible]

TREAS. BILLS: 1 month 13[illegible]–13[illegible]; 2 months 13–13[illegible]; 3 months 12[illegible]–12¾

STERLING C.Ds.: 1 month 13[illegible]–14; 3 months 13¼–13[illegible]; 1 year 12[illegible]–12[illegible]

DOLLAR C.Ds.: 1 month 8.65–8.75; 3 months 9.00–9.10; 1 year 10.30–10.40

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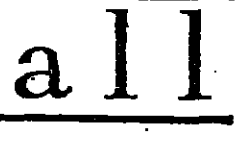

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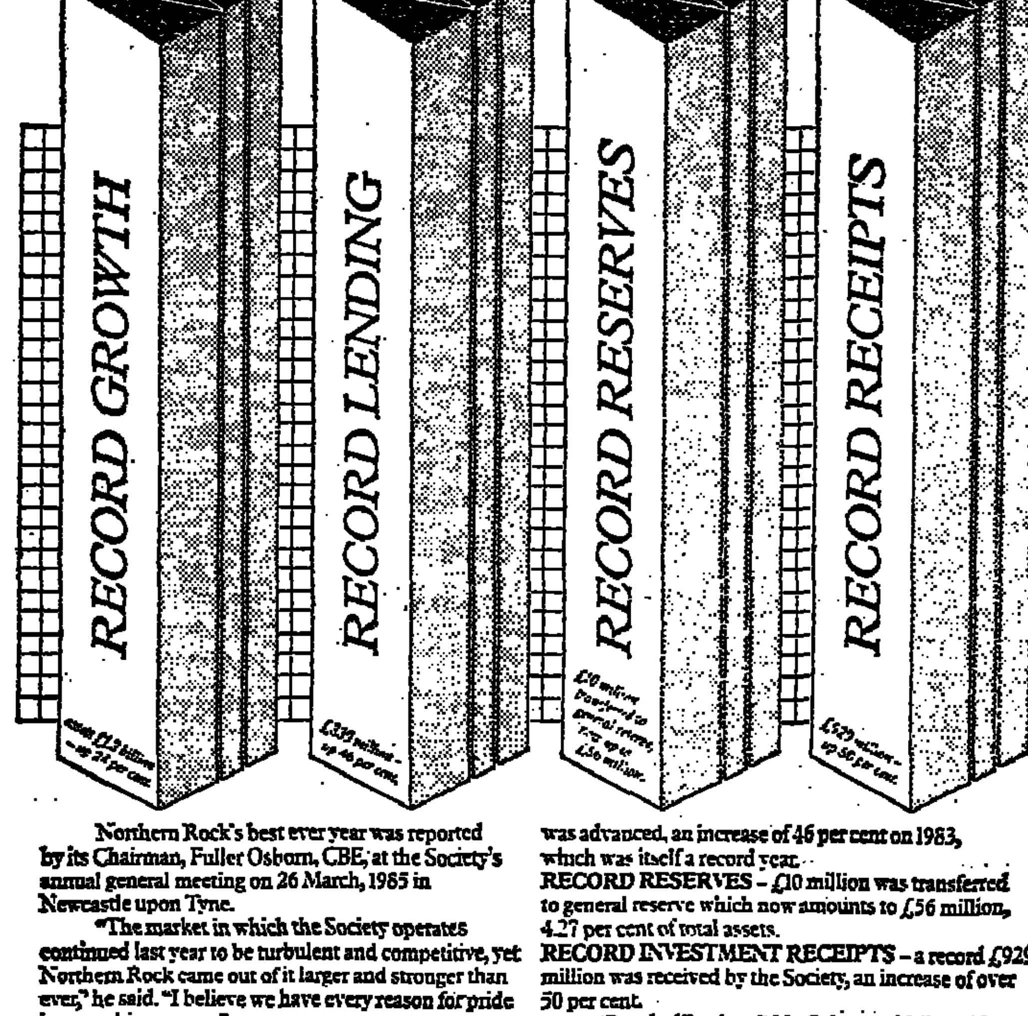
Tyndall

Record heights for Northern Rock.



Northern Rock's best ever year was reported by its Chairman, Fuller Osborn, CBE, at the Society's annual general meeting on 26 March, 1985 in Newcastle upon Tyne.

"The market in which the Society operates continued last year to be turbulent and competitive, yet Northern Rock came out of it larger and stronger than ever," he said. "I believe we have every reason for pride in our achievements."

The highlights from the year are:

RECORD GROWTH – at nearly 24 per cent, an all-time record; this compares with a 5 per cent inflation rate and represents real growth. With assets of over £1.3 billion, the Society has trebled in size in 7 years.

RECORD LENDING – a record £339 million was advanced, an increase of 46 per cent on 1983, which was itself a record year.

RECORD RESERVES – £10 million was transferred to general reserve which now amounts to £56 million, 4.27 per cent of total assets.

RECORD INVESTMENT RECEIPTS – a record £929 million was received by the Society, an increase of over 50 per cent.

"Results like these" Mr. Osborn said, "provide a first-class base for the future, with all that it promises for more radical change in the financial sector, and even greater opportunities for Northern Rock to develop its services for its members."

"We regard 1985 and beyond with renewed and well-founded confidence."

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– major restructuring complete, with financial performance and strength transformed

– the Group has made an encouraging start to 1985 and we look forward to a year of further progress

Geoffrey Wilson
CHAIRMAN

	1984	
Turnover	£590.2m	up 15%
Profit before taxation	£45.7m	up 44%
Earnings per share – nil basis	17.0p	up 38%
Ordinary dividends per share	4.5p	up 20%
Borrowings	£65.2m	down 13%
Shareholders' funds	£192.3m	up 11%

Analysis of turnover and profit before taxation

By activity:	Turnover £m	Profit before taxation £m
Electrical equipment	261.7	27.9
Fluid controls	158.2	8.4
Metals	178.9	7.2
Industrial services	124.2	9.6
Corporate finance	–	(7.4)
	723.0	£45.7
Less: inter-group and related companies	132.8	
	£590.2	

By area:	Turnover £m	Profit before taxation £m
UK	492.6	35.7
Africa	92.7	9.8
Australia & SE Asia	88.1	5.7
North & South America	25.2	2.6
Western Europe	24.4	(0.7)
Corporate finance	–	(7.4)
	723.0	£45.7
Less: inter-group and related companies	132.8	
	£590.2	

DELTA

electrical equipment, fluid controls, metals, industrial services

Copies of the annual report, of which the above is an extract, will be available after 18th April from The Secretary, Delta Group p.l.c., 1 Kingsway, London WC2B 6XF.

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AUTHORISED TRUSTS

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
1-3 St Paul's Churchyard, London EC4
01-236 7853

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

AITKEN HUME FUNDS (MNGMT) LTD.
30 City Road, London EC1Y 2AY
01-628 6626

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

ALLIED UNIT TRUSTS LIMITED
Allied Hambro House, Hatfield Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. 0277 211759 & 228123

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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ANDERSON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD.

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES LIMITED
37 Finsbury Pavement, London EC2A 1AY. 01-628 0901 2 3 4
Dealing Dept. 01-628 0901 2 3 4

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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ARCHWAY UNIT TRUST MNGRS. LTD.

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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ATLANTA UNIT TST. MNGRS. LTD.
46 Moorgate, London EC2R 6EL
01-638 1741

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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BAILIE GIFFORD & CO. LTD.
3 Glenfinlas Street, Edinburgh
031-225 2581

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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BARCLAYS UNICORN LIMITED
252 Romford Road, London E7 9JR
01-534 5344

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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BARING BROTHERS & CO. LIMITED
8 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 4AE
01-283 8833

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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BARRINGTON MGMT. CO., LTD
59 Gresham Street, London EC2P 2DS
01-606 4433

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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BISHOPSGATE PROGRESSIVE MANAGEMENT CO.
65 Holborn Viaduct, London EC1A 2DR
01-248 4800

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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BRIDGE FUND MNGRS (A) (C)
Regis House, King William St., E.C.4
01-623 4251

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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BRITANNIA GROUP OF UNIT TRUSTS LIMITED.
Salisbury House, 29 Finsbury Circus, London EC2. 01-588 2800
Dealing 01-638 6278/9479

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BROWN SHIPLEY & CO.
8-17 Pentonville Rd., Haywards Heath
0444 458144

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT COMPANY LTD.
The Stock Exchange, EC2P 2JT
01-588 2588

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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CANADA LIFE

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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CANNON FUND MANAGERS LIMITED
1, Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx.
HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
77 London Wall, London EC2N 1DB
01-588 1815

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
77 London Wall, London EC2N 1DB
01-588 1815

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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CHRISTIAN TRUST MANAGERS
11 New Street, London EC2M 4TP
01-283 1903

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TST MANAGERS LTD.
Narrow Plain, Bristol, BS2 6JH
(0272) 277219

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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CONSIDERATION FUND MNGMT
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COUNTY BANK UNIT SERVICES LTD

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking, GU21 1XW.
(04862) 24923

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D.F. FUND MANAGERS LTD
125, High Holborn, London WC1 6PY
01-242 1345

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EDINBURGH UNITS ADMIN LIMITED
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AH
061-236 5685

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MNGRS LTD
Amersham Road, High Wycombe
0494 33377

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT LTD
River Walk, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1DY
0732 362222

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FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MNGT LTD
1 Laurence Pountney Hill, EC4 R0BA
01-623 4630

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FRAMLINGTON UNIT MNGT LTD
3 London Wall Buildings, EC2M 5NQ
01-628 5181

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FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey
0306 885055

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD.
180, West George St., Glasgow, G2 2PA
041-332 6462

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G & A TRUST

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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G.T. UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq., London
01-283 2575. Dealing: 01-626 9431

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GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
2-6 St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP
01-623 1212. Dealings: 01-623 5706

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HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LIMITED
Premier U.T. Admin., 5 Raleigh Rd., Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. 0277 227300

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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HEDGERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD.
52, Berkeley Square, London, W1X 6EH
01-493 6621

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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HENDERSON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD.
36/37 Fore Street, Reading, Berks
RG1 1AH 0734-595311

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HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST. MNGRS.
45 Beech St., London EC2P 2LX
01-628 8011

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KEY FUND MANAGERS
33 Fountain St., Manchester M2 2AE
061-236 5685

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KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT MNGRS.
20 Fenchurch St., London EC3
01-623 8000

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LAS UNIT TRUST MNGRS. LTD.
93 George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 3JL.
031-225 2255

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LEGAL & GENERAL (UNIT TST. MNGRS.) LTD
Premier U.T. Admin 5, Raleigh Rd., Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. 0277 217238

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LLOYDS BANK UNIT TST. MNGRS. LTD.
Registrar's Dept., Goring-by-Sea, Worthing, West Sussex.
0903 502541. Dealing: 0344 452144

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LONDON & MANCHESTER (TST. MNGMT.) LTD.
Winsdale Park, Exeter EX5 1DS
0392 215347

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LONDON LAW UNIT TST. MNGMT. LTD.
Bailey House, Old Seaval Lane, London EC4. 01-236 6105

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M & G GROUP PLC.
Three Quays, Tower Hill, London EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588

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MEWCAP UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Unicorn House, 252 Romford Road, London E7. 01-534 5544

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MERCURY UT MNGRS LTD
33 King William St., London EC4R 9AS
01-280 2800. Deal: 01-280 2860

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MIDLAND BANK GROUP UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD.
Courtwood House, Silver St., Head, Sheffield S1 3RD. 0742 77842

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MLA UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LIMITED
37/41 Old Queen St., Westminster, London SW1H 9JG. 01-222 0211

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MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD
St George's Way, Stevenage
0438 356101

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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MARLBOROUGH COURT FUND MANAGERS LIMITED
103 Oxford St., Manchester M60 7HA
061-236 3434

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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GRANVILLE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LIMITED
8, Lovat Lane, EC3 8DT. 01-621 1212

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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GRIEVESON MANAGEMENT (ARBUTHNOT FUNDS)
Set Barrington Management Co Ltd.

GROUND MANAGERS LIMITED
Pomeroy Hall, 8/9 Austin Friars, London EC2N 2AE. 01-588 5317

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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G.T. UNIT MANAGERS

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE UNIT MANAGERS LIMITED
Royal Exchange, London EC3V 3LS
01-638 2020

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HENDERSON UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
Premier U.T. Admin., 5 Raleigh Rd., Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. 0277 217238

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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JOHN GOVETT UNIT MANAGEMENT LIMITED
Winchester House, 77 London Wall, London EC2N 1DH. 01-588 5620

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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MINSTER FUND MNGRS LTD
97-5 / 24-8 (The Minster Fd. ... 43-7 / 46-6

MONTAGU UNIT TRUST MNGRS
11 Devonshire Square, EC2M 4YR
01-626 3434

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MIDLAND BANK GROUP UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD.
Courtwood House, Silver St., Head, Sheffield S1 3RD. 0742 77842

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MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TST MANAGEMENT LIMITED
163 High St., Glasgow G2
041-221 5521

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NATIONAL PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD
48 Gracechurch St., London EC3P 3HH
01-623 4200

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NORWICH UNION INSURANCE GROUP
PO Box 4, Norwich NR1 3NG. 0603 622200

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

OPPENHEIMER FUND MNGT LTD.
66 Cannon St., London EC4N 6AE
01-236 3885

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PEARL TRUST MANAGERS
252 High Holborn, London WC1V 7EB
01-405 8441 (Ext 4772)

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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PROLIFIC UNIT TRUSTS
222 Bishopsgate, EC2M 4JS.
01-247 7544 7

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PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
51-69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL
01-478 3377

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QUILTER MANAGEMENT COMPANY LTD
Garrard House, Gresham St., London EC2V 7LH. 01-600 4177

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

REED STENHOUSE INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
145 Borough High Street, Southwark SE1 1NB. 01-403 6111

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

RELIANCE UNIT MANAGERS LTD
139-9 / 100-6 British Life ... 131-4 / 138-9

ROTHSCHILD ASSET MANAGEMENT
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4P 4DU
01-280 5456

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

ROYAL LIFE FD MNGT LTD
New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HB
051-227 4422

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
Hexagon House, 28 Western Rd., Romford RM1 3LB. 0708 66966

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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SCHRODER UNIT TST. MANAGERS LTD.
Regal House, 14 James St., WC2
0705 827733

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SCHRODER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS (INTERNATIONAL) LIMITED
Box 273, St Peter Port, Guernsey
0481 28750

Portfolio Selection Fund Ltd.

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FUND MANAGERS LTD.
31 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh
031-556 9101

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD.
109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow
041-248 4199

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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SCOTTISH UNIT MANAGERS LTD
29 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh EH2 4HA
031-226 4372

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MANAGEMENT
PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU
031-655 6000

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ
031-225 2552

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

STEWART UNIT TST MANAGERS LTD.
45, Charlotte Sq., Edinburgh
031-226 3271

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

SUN ALLIANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Sun Alliance House, Horsham
0403 56293

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

TSB UNIT TRUST
PO Box 3 Keens House, Andover, Hants. SP10 1PG. 0264 62188
Dealings: 0264 63432/3

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

TARGET TST MNGRS LTD
Turner House, Gatehouse Rd., Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LIMITED
48 Hart St., Henley-on-Thames, Oxon, RG9 2AZ. (0491) 576868

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

TEMPLE BAR UNIT TST MNGRS
Electra House, Temple Place, Victoria Embankment, London WC2R 3HP. 01-836 7766

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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TOUCHE, REMNANT UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
Mermaid House, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 01-236 6565

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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TYNDALL MANAGERS LIMITED
18 Canynge Rd, Bristol BS8 3JA
0272 732241

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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WARBURG INVEST. MNGMT. (JOM) LTD.

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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WARDLEY UNIT TST. MANAGERS LTD.
7 Devonshire Sq., London EC2M 4HN
01-626 4411

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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WATERLEY ASSET MANAGEMENT LTD.
13 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ
031-225 1551

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS.
2, Honey Lane, London, EC2V 8BT.
01-606 3035

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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ANTHONY WIELER UNIT TST. MNGMT. LTD.

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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INSURANCE, PROPERTY, BONDS, ETC.

ABBEY LIFE ASSURANCE CO. LTD
Abbey Life House, 80, Holdenhurst Rd., Bournemouth, BH8 8AL. 0202 292373

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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AITKEN HUME (GUERNSEY) LTD.
Berthelet House, 60 Bethelet St., St Peter Port, Guernsey, CI
0481 26421

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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ALBANY LIFE ASSURANCE CO. LTD
Station House, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar, Herts. 0707-32311

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES (C.I.)

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOC.

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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BARCLAYS LIFE ASSURANCE CO. LTD
252, Romford Road, London E7 9JB.
01-534 5344

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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BRITANNIC UNIT LINKED ASSURANCE LTD

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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CANNON ASSURANCE LTD
1, Olympic Way, Wembley, Middlesex
HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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CITY OF EDINBURGH LIFE ASSURANCE
46, Charlotte Square, Edinburgh
031-225 1555

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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CLERICAL MEDICAL (INTERNATIONAL)
Narrow Plain, Bristol, BS2 6JH
(0272) 290566

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

CROWN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT LTD.
Crown House, Woking, GU21 1XW.
(04862) 5033

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY PLC
Amersham Road, High Wycombe
0494 33377

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY
4, Coleman Street, London EC2R 5AP
01-606 6611

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FRIENDS' PROVIDENT LINKED LIFE ASSURANCE
Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey
0306 885055

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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GENERAL ACCIDENT LINKED LIFE ASSURANCE

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE ASSURANCE PLC
Valley House, Crossbrook Street, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire.
0992 31871

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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GRE LINKED LIFE ASSURANCE LTD

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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GRESHAM LIFE ASSURANCE LTD
2-6 Prince of Wales Road, Bournemouth
0202-767655

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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GRESHAM AND RAMLINGTON FUNDS

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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HAMBRO LIFE ASSURANCE PLC
Allied Hambro Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL. 0793 28231

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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IMPERIAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA
Imperial Life Hse., London Rd., Guildford. 571255.

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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HEARTS OF OAK BENEFIT SOCIETY
129 Kingsway, London WC2B 6NF
01-404 0393

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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HENDERSON UNIT TST MNGMT LTD
26 Finsbury Square, London, EC2A 1DA
01-638 5757

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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HILL SAMUEL LIFE ASSURANCE
NLA Tower, 12-16, Addiscombe Road, Croydon CR0 2DR. 01-686 4355

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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MANUFACTURERS LIFE INSURANCE CO (U.K.)
St George's Way, Stevenage
0438-356101

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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MGM ASSURANCE
MGM House, Horse Rd, Worthing.
0903-204601

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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NEL PENSIONS LTD
Nelex Equity Cap. ... 210-9 / 222-0
Nelex Equity Acc. ... 560-1 / 577-6

NPI PENSIONS MANAGEMENT LTD
1984-5 Managed Fd. ... 540-4 / 574-8
Prices at Mar. 1. Next dealing day April 1

NATIONAL PROVIDENT INSTITUTION
48, Gracechurch St., London EC3P 3HH
01-623 4200

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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NATIONAL MUTUAL LIFE
5 Bow Churchyard, off Cheapside, London EC4M 9DH
01-236 1866

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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LEGAL & GENERAL (UNIT PENSIONS) LIMITED
Kingswood House, Kingswood, Surrey
KT20 6EU. 07373 53486.

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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LIBERTY LIFE ASSURANCE CO. LTD
Station Rd, New Barnet, Herts.
01-440 8210

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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LONDON A'DEEN & N'HIN MTL ASSUR. LTD.
129, Kingsway, London, WC2B 6NF.
01-404 0393

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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LONDON & MANCHESTER GROUP
Winsdale Park, Exeter, EX5 1DS.
0392-52155.

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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LONDON LIFE
100 Temple Street, Bristol BS1 6EA
0272-279179

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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M & G GROUP PLC
Three Quays, Tower Hill, London, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588.

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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MERCHANT INVESTORS ASS. CO LTD
Lion House, 233 High Street, Croydon CR9 1LP. 01-686 9171

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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MGM ASSURANCE

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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MUNICIPAL LIFE ASSURANCE LTD
99/100, Sandling Rd, Maidstone, Kent
0622 679351

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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NORWICH UNION INSURANCE GROUP
London EC4M 9DH
01-236 1866

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COMMODITIES

LONDON METAL MARKETS
Rudolf Wolff reports

ZINC: Steady. Off settlement £776 (£764·50), off midday cash £774-£775. 3 mths £753-£754. aft close cash £782-£783. 3 mths £755-£756. T/O 4,755 tonnes.

SILVER: Quiet. Midday cash 532·0p-533·0p. 3 mths 551·0p-552·0p. aft close cash 543·0p-545·0p. 3 mths 562·50p-564·0p. T/O 61 lots of 10,000 ozs each.

ALUMINIUM: Steady. Off settlement £920·50 (£927), off midday cash £920-£920·50. 3 mths £952·50-£953. aft close cash £923-£924. 3 mths £954-£956. T/O 8,175 tonnes.

NICKEL: Irregular. Off settlement £4,435 (£4,475). off midday cash £4,430-£4,435. 3 mths £4,475-£4,480. aft close cash £4,430-£4,440. 3 mths £4,480-£4,485. T/O 1,015 tonnes.

LONDON SILVER MARKET: Spot 532·95 (556·35). 3 mths 550·45 (553·55). 6 mths 565·70 (569). 1 yr 596·70 (600).

PLATINUM: Free-market £231·35 (£229).

COPPER: Steady. Wire Bars: Off Settlement £1,201 (£1,186). Off Midday Cash £1,200-£1,201. 3 Mths £1,218·50-£1,219·50. After Close Cash £1,200-£1,205. 3 Mths £1,218-£1,219. T/o 14,650 Tonnes. Cathodes: Idle. Off Settlement £1,207 (£1,193). Off Midday Cash £1,205-£1,207. 3 Mths £1,218-£1,220. After Close Cash £1,202-£1,205. 3 Mths £1,216-£1,217. T/o Nil Lots.

TIN: Easier. Off Settlement £9,660 (£9,635). Off Midday Cash £9,650-£9,660. 3 Mths £9,670-£9,676. After Close Cash £9,605-£9,615. 5 Mths £9,625-£9,630. T/o 895 Tonnes.

LEAD: Easier. Off Settlement £305·50 (£308·50). Off Midday Cash £305-£305·50. 3 Mths £313·50-£314. After Close Cash £303-£304. 3 Mths £312·50-£313. T/o 3,600 Tonnes.

LONDON GOLD FUTURES (price in $): Nil lots traded.

LONDON COMMODITY MARKETS

RUBBER: Spot. 67·00-71·00 (67·00-71·00). Futures: Unchanged. April £710-£750, May £720-£750, June £730-£760, July £740-£770, Aug £750-780, Sept. 760-£790, Oct £770-£800, Nov £780-£810, Dec £790-£820. T/o Nil Lots.

Cocoa E. D. + F Man £ per tonne. March 2016 sell 2014 buy, May 2048, 2047. July 2013, 2011, Sept. 1997, 1996, Dec. 1919, 1916, March 1913, 1910. May 1910, 1907. Sales 4,118. Options 2.

Coffee £ per ton. March 2345. May 2300, July 2345, Sept. 2580, Nov. 2599, Jan. 2570, March 2345. Sales 1,621.

SISAL: East African quoted levels. No. 1, Basis $660. No. 3 Long $640. C.I.F. Antwerp Prices.

SUGAR: London Daily Price Raws £94·50 $111, No. 6 Contract $ per Tonne. May 114-114·40, Aug 118·20-118·80, Oct 122·80-123·20, Dec 129-130, March 142·40-145, May 147·40-148·20, Aug 152·40-154. T/o 622 Lots.

SOYA MEAL: Firm. April £45-£46. June £36-36·20. Aug £36-36·10. Oct £40-£40·10, Dec £45-£46, Feb £50·50-£51·30, April £51·50-£52·80. T/o 837 Lots.

CRUDE OIL

Rotterdam spot prices in $: Arab Light 27·80, Dubai 27·15, Arab Heavy 26·55, North Sea (Forties) 28·30, Nor h Sea (Brent) 28·55, Nigerian Bonny Medium 28·05.

GAS OIL FUTURES

March 242-41·75, April 232·75-32·50, May 229·50-29, June 225·50-25·25, July 225·24-4·50, Aug. 229·25-25, Sept. 232-26, Oct. 235-27, Nov. 240-28. Volume: 1060. Premier Man.

LONDON GRAIN MARKETS

HGCA: Locational ex-farm spot prices and change on last week. SW: Feed wheat 116·20, up 20. W Midlands: Feed wheat 116·70, up 100. NW: feed barley 112·50, down 10. Feed barley 110·70, down 180.

Barley £ per ton. May 117·05, Sept. 98·80, Nov. 102·15, Jan. 105·45. Wheat "B" £ per ton. May 119·95, July 125·40, Sept 98·55, Nov. 101·75, Jan. 105·35.

(G A F T A)

PIGMEAT (Gafta). April 110·30p, June 107·10p, Aug 110·80p, Oct 108·80p, Nov 109·40p, Feb 100·0p. T/o 8 Lots.

POTATOES (Gafta). April £41, May £48·90, Nov £74·10, Feb £84, April £89·30. T/o 523 Lots.

COVENT GARDEN

Fruit lb: Eating apples 10-26, cookers 7-12, bananas 32-35, grapes 48-57, pears 14-34, plums 56, rhubarb 32-35, kara 34-36, strawberries 100-120, peaches, avocados 25-40, coconuts 28-30, grapefruit 3-18, pink 40, Kiwi 26-28, lemons 3-6, melons 150-200, oranges 3-19, clementines, etc. 5-20, pineapples 60-100.

Salad lb: Beef tomatoes 75, other tomatoes 15-40, chicory 50-60, cooked beetroot 25, raw 8-10, Chinese leaf 35, parsley 400, shallots 50, mint 300. Each: Celery 20-32, cucumbers 20-33, round lettuce 12-20, Iceberg 20-40, endive 70, cos 38-44. Punch: Watercress 18-20, mustard and cress 7, spring onions imported 25-28, English 12-15, radishes 20-30.

Vegetables lb: Horseradish 120, asparagus 200-260, root artichoke 20, aubergine 50-60, Kenya beans 70-80, mangetout 150-200, broad beans 20, cabbage 10-12, calabrese 40, new carrots 20, old 8-12, courgettes 45-60, spring greens 28-30, leeks 20, mushrooms 60-70, onions 6-11, capsicums 43-60, old potatoes 3-5, new 11-15, spinach 34-36, swedes, turnips, parsnips 5-7. Each: Globe artichokes 25-80, sweetcorn 30, celeriac 10-18, cauliflower 46-50.

LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices yesterday: GB cattle 94·55p kg lw (+0·54); sheep 218·68p kg est dcw (+8·26); pigs 80·55p kg lw (+1·78). England and Wales: cattle Nos down 5·1 p.c., ave. price 93·76p (+0·58); sheep Nos. up 3 p.c., ave. price 219·47p (+9·39); pig Nos. up 6·5 p.c., ave. price 80·21p (+2·04). Scotland: cattle Nos. up 0·8 p.c., ave. price 96·74p (+0·32); sheep Nos. up 1·0 p.c., ave. price 215·11p (+7·19); pig Nos. down 16·5 p.c., ave. price 83·58p (+0·47).

1984 - A YEAR OF SOLID SUCCESS

Our 1984 results confirm the continuing success of our development strategy.

- Profit before tax up 47% to £36.8 million
- Earnings per share up 60% to 19.27p
- Dividends increased 109% to 9p net for the year
- An end-year net cash surplus of £26.3 million

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS	1984	1983
	£m	£m
Turnover	1,096.9	1,032.0
Profit before taxation	36.8	25.1
Earnings	24.3	15.1
	pence	pence
Earnings per share	19.27	12.08
Dividends per share	9.00	4.30

PROSPECTS

All our businesses have started 1985 strongly and we have every confidence in their performance for the year as a whole.

For details of our success in 1984, please send for a copy of our Annual Report by completing the coupon.

Booker McConnell PLC

Each director of Booker McConnell PLC (including those who have delegated detailed supervision of this advertisement) has taken all reasonable care to ensure that the facts stated and opinions expressed herein are fair and accurate and each of them accepts responsibility accordingly.

The financial information contained in this advertisement relating to the results of the Booker group for the two years ended 31 December 1984 does not constitute full accounts for such periods within the meaning of Section 11 of the Companies Act 1982. Since full accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1984 have not yet been completed, no such accounts have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies nor have the auditors of Booker reported thereon.

To: Booker McConnell PLC,
Kent House, Telegraph St, Moorgate,
London EC2R 7LN
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Name________
Address________

UNIT TRUST PRICES

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PHOENIX ASSURANCE GROUP
Poenix House, Redcliff Hill, Bristol BS1 6SQ. 0272 294941

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
Life Assurance Funds				
302·6	244·2	Wealth Ass.	287·0	302·2
Pension Plan Funds				
Phoenix				
103·7	98·9	UK Equity Acc.	98·6	103·7
104·0	98·5	International Acc.	97·4	102·5
101·3	100·0	Property Acc.	95·3	100·3
103·9	98·6	Fixed Interest Acc.	98·8	103·9
100·8	100·0	Money Acc.	95·8	100·8
101·3	100·0	Build Soc. Link Acc	96·4	101·4
103·2	99·4	Special Mnged. Acc.	98·1	103·2
Phoenix/Framlington				
106·8	99·3	Intnl. Grth. Acc.	96·2	101·2
105·3	97·4	American & Gen Acc	95·2	100·2
107·4	100·0	Capital Tst. Acc.	102·1	107·4
110·3	97·1	Japan & Gen. Acc.	100·5	105·7
106·2	98·5	American Turn. Acc	94·2	99·1
111·0	100·0	Recovery Tst. Acc.	102·4	107·7
106·2	98·9	Special Mnged. Acc.	98·4	103·5
Phoenix/GT				
106·6	98·1	International Acc.	93·7	98·6
103·6	99·1	US & General Acc.	95·3	100·3
107·5	90·4	Technol. & Grth. Acc	86·1	90·6
108·2	96·6	Japan & General Acc	94·7	99·6
106·0	95·4	Far East & Gen. Acc	92·3	97·1
105·3	98·5	UK Capital Acc.	100·1	105·3
105·3	98·7	European Acc.	94·7	99·6
103·5	99·5	Special Mngd. Acc.	95·0	99·9

PROPERTY EQUITY AND LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
Cumberland House, Baxter Avenue, Southend on Sea, SS2 6HQ
0702 333433

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
287·5	234·2	Flex. Mon Bnd Fnd.	266·3	—
112·2	103·0	Int Man Cur Bnd F.	112·2	—
103·2	100·0	Tower Mnged Inv Fd	100·2	—

PROPERTY GROWTH ASSURANCE CO. LTD
Leon House, Croydon, CR9 1LU
01-680 0606

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
294·3	286·9	Property Fund	289·8	—
285·5	278·2	Property Fund (A)	280·6	—
11·63	11·33	Agricultural Fund	11·63	—
11·29	10·93	Agric. Fund (A)	11·29	—
238·6	230·5	Abbey Nat. Fund	238·6	—
237·0	229·5	Abbey Nat. Fd. (A)	237·0	—
161·7	154·7	Investment Fund	159·9	—
129·1	121·5	Investment Fd. (A)	125·4	—
556·5	408·7	Equity Fund	549·7	—
545·3	399·3	Equity Fund (A)	537·7	—
240·4	219·0	Money Fund	240·4	—
235·2	215·0	Money Fund (A)	235·2	—
259·5	216·4	Actuarial Fund	256·5	—
306·9	185·9	Gilt-Edged Fund	202·9	—
206·9	185·8	Gilt Edged Fd (A)	202·9	—
325·1	357·4	Retire Annuity	365·1	—
196·0	183·0	Immediate Ann'ty	196·0	—
316·8	257·0	International Fund	295·2	—
316·8	257·9	Interna. Fd (A)	295·2	—
117·2	103·8	Bld. Soc Life Fd.	117·2	—
Property Growth Pensions & Annuities Ltd.				
337·5	286·5	All W'thr. Acc Uts.	314·1	330·6
357·0	278·4	Inv. Fd. Uts.	343·4	—
290·8	256·3	Pension Fd. Uts.	290·0	—
352·0	297·6	Conv. Pns. Fd.	352·0	—
250·1	221·6	Cnv. Pns. Cap. Ut.	250·1	—
428·6	335·5	Man. Pens Fd.	427·3	—
319·4	256·3	Man. Pens. Cap. Ut.	319·4	—
328·1	284·4	Prop. Pens. Fd	320·1	—
251·0	214·5	Prop. Pens. Cap Ut.	251·0	—
259·6	258·5	Bldg. Soc. Pen. Ut.	259·6	—
219·3	197·7	Bldg. Soc. Cap. Ut.	219·8	—
189·6	167·4	Gilts Pens. Fd	187·4	—
159·4	142·5	Gilt Pens. Fd. Cap.	156·0	—
352·0	253·2	Equity Pens. Fd.	351·0	—
253·4	218·1	Equity Pens. Fd. Cap	252·8	—
128·9	94·2	Intl Pens Fd.	126·0	—
125·4	92·2	Intl. Pens. Fd. Cap.	120·6	—

PROVIDENCE CAPITOL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
137·2	112·6	Equity	128·5	135·6
102·1	87·6	Fixed Interest	95·5	100·8
100·9	78·4	International	92·4	97·4
113·1	94·9	Managed	103·4	109·0
141·7	120·4	Property	133·7	141·1
88·7	68·3	Special Market	73·7	77·8

PROVIDENT LIFE ASSOCIATION OF LONDON LTD
266 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4QP
01-247 3200

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
636·3	499·0	Unit	518·3	628·2
129·9	104·0	Equity	122·1	128·2
116·0	102·0	Fixed Interest	109·6	115·1
110·3	100·0	Property	105·0	110·3
116·2	101·0	Index-linked	109·5	115·0
109·9	105·0	Deposit	104·7	109·9
130·3	104·0	Pension Mixed Ord.	122·7	128·8

For other prices Tel: 01 247 5200

PROVINCIAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
Stramongate, Kendal, Cumbria, LA9 4BE
0539 23415

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
370·9	290·1	Managed Fund	345·6	364·2
407·1	300·8	Equity Fund	376·1	396·4
226·7	156·9	High Income Fund	216·1	227·8
216·1	156·4	International Fund	190·1	202·3
301·1	205·9	Special Sits Fund	283·7	299·0
212·4	185·3	Fixed Interest Fd.	198·5	209·2
267·0	206·0	Technology Fund	230·9	243·7
257·5	180·8	Nth American Fund	230·4	244·5
248·3	194·1	Far Eastern Fund	237·9	251·2
127·2	100·0	Extra Income Fd.	120·2	126·7
293·3	222·9	Man Pension Acc Fd.	274·1	288·6

PROVIDENT MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE ASSOCIATION
William Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 0LP
0438 739090

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
171·2	138·6	Managed Ord	161·4	169·9
158·8	138·2	Managed Init	149·5	156·7
211·5	151·1	Equity Ord	198·0	208·5
195·3	146·9	Equity Init	183·6	193·3
112·4	97·6	Index Ink Gilt Ord.	104·3	109·8
108·3	96·1	Index Ink Gilt Init.	100·4	105·7
188·4	145·4	O'seas Equity Ord	170·5	179·5
174·2	137·1	O'seas Equity Init	157·3	165·6
122·1	110·6	Property Ord	116·0	122·1
112·6	106·2	Property Init	107·0	112·6
129·7	112·3	Fixed Interest Ord	122·8	129·3
119·1	105·0	Fixed Interest Init.	113·1	119·1
115·4	107·5	Deposit Ord	109·6	115·4
106·4	103·2	Deposit Init	101·1	106·4
185·8	146·8	Pen Managed Ord	175·3	184·5
171·6	140·3	Pen Managed Init	161·7	170·2
235·6	162·8	Pen Equity Ord	221·5	233·2
217·5	156·3	Pen Equity Init	204·3	215·1
115·4	98·2	Pen Ind Lkd Gilt Ord	106·7	112·3
111·2	96·7	Pen Ind Lkd Gilt Init	102·8	108·2
203·8	152·4	Pen O'seas Eqty Ord	183·4	193·1
188·2	143·7	Pen O'seas Eqty Init	169·1	178·0
129·6	114·3	Pen Property Ord	123·1	129·6
119·5	109·6	Pen Property Init	113·5	119·5
131·8	114·1	Pen Fixed Int Ord	125·7	132·3
122·8	107·6	Pen Fixed Int Init	114·1	120·1
126·7	112·7	Pen Deposit Ord	120·4	126·7
116·9	108·3	Pen Deposit Init	111·1	116·9

PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
150·0	119·0	Prufund Man. Fd.	143·3	149·3

PRUDENTIAL PENSION LIMITED

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
196·7	147·9	Prulink Man. Fd.	187·2	195·0
134·8	115·3	Prulink Cash Fd.	129·4	134·8

REFUGE INVESTMENTS LIMITED

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
182·8	150·2	Managed Fd.	175·0	182·2
146·2	131·8	Property Fd.	138·8	146·2

ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE LTD
New Hall Place, Liverpool, L69 3HS
051-227 4422

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
435·7	348·6	Royal Shield Fd.	405·0	428·5

ROYAL LIFE (UNIT LINKED ASS.) LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
177·4	142·0	Managed Fd.	166·5	175·2
209·1	155·5	Equity Fd.	197·0	207·3
137·2	121·4	Property Fd.	130·4	137·2
258·7	177·9	International Fd.	226·6	238·5
141·4	125·8	Gilt Fd.	133·2	140·2
118·4	110·5	Money Fd.	112·5	118·4
127·8	100·0	U.S. Fd.	111·6	117·4
119·0	100·0	Pacific Basin Fd.	106·2	111·7

ROYAL LIFE (UNIT LKD PEN. FD) LTD

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
166·1	130·6	Exempt Man. Fd.	155·8	164·0
248·6	162·9	Exempt Eqity Fd.	233·8	246·2
128·3	113·6	Exempt Prop. Fd.	121·7	128·1
326·9	214·3	Exempt Intnl. Fd.	285·6	301·6
135·3	114·7	Exempt Gilt Fd.	127·7	134·4
125·7	112·2	Exempt Money Fd.	119·5	125·7

ROYAL LONDON MUTUAL INS. SOC. LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
210·2	170·5	R. L. Mixed Fd.	199·0	209·6

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
103·2	79·8	Global Equity	94·9	100·5
316·8	288·5	Property	299·3	316·8
324·4	265·8	Balanced Inv.	305·5	321·8
250·5	224·3	Gilt	236·2	250·0
59·8	50·8	Property Pension	56·6	59·8
72·1	50·7	Equity Pension	67·3	71·3
85·9	52·0	Managed Pension	85·2	89·1
81·8	65·8	Global Equity Pen.	74·1	78·5

SCHRODER LIFE GROUP
Enterprise House, Portsmouth
0705 827733

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
230·4	170·3	American (4)	196·5	206·8
146·6	111·2	Australian	11·6	123·7
280·3	212·4	CCM Vanzrd Man (4)	261·9	275·6
157·3	180·7	Deposit (4)	187·2	197·0
626·3	500·1	Equity (4)	585·1	615·8
206·5	176·1	European (4)	190·3	200·2
271·8	246·0	Fixed Int. (4)	258·2	271·7
316·1	168·0	Income (Dist. (4)	204·2	274·8
277·3	209·0	Income Accum. (4)	262·0	275·7
217·4	168·0	International (4)	191·0	201·0
136·3	100·0	International Pen(C)	110·6	116·4
326·6	275·8	Managed (4)	308·9	325·1
300·4	282·0	Property (4)	285·4	300·4
160·5	148·9	Singapore & Malaya(4)	139·9	147·2
273·4	214·1	Smaller Co's (4)	256·2	269·6
245·0	179·0	Tokyo (4)	217·3	228·7
254·4	192·3	UK Equity (4)	240·1	252·7
122·5	108·8	Deposit Pension (C)	116·4	122·5
375·8	288·9	Equity Pensions (C)	348·9	367·2
253·9	195·3	Fixed Int. Pen. (C)	211·5	222·6
126·9	109·4	Guaranteed Pen. (C)	118·9	125·1
109·6	95·5	Index-Lnk Gilt P(C)	102·1	107·4
824·0	660·9	Managed Pension (C)	771·6	812·2
265·3	241·9	Property Pen. (C)	253·0	266·3
225·0	165·7	Spec. Ex'pt Pen. (C)	201·9	212·5

SCOTTISH AMICABLE LIFE ASS. SOCIETY
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ
041-248 2323

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
201·5	166·4	Managed	189·7	199·7
156·9	145·5	Fixed Interest	155·0	163·2
243·5	183·8	Equity	229·4	241·5
220·4	166·4	International	194·9	205·2
128·7	118·6	Property	122·2	128·7
115·9	97·6	Index-Lin'd Gilt Fd.	106·7	112·4
157·6	132·5	Exempt Man. Fd. Int.	148·2	156·1
190·1	153·9	Exempt Man. Fd. Ac.	179·2	188·7
149·2	131·5	Exempt Fx. In. Fd. In.	139·6	147·0
177·8	152·4	Exe'pt Fx. In. Fd. Ac.	168·9	177·8
181·6	140·6	Exempt Eq'ty Fd. Int	170·3	179·3
218·8	161·2	Exe'pt Eq'ty Fd Acm	205·9	216·8
165·5	125·8	Exempt Intl. Fd. Int	144·7	152·4
200·5	146·1	Exempt Intl. Fd. Acm	174·9	184·2
99·1	97·4	Exempt Prop. Fd. Int	92·7	97·6
118·0	111·0	Exempt Prop Fd. Acc.	112·1	118·0
130·0	120·8	Cash Fund	123·5	130·0
114·2	108·0	Exempt Cash Fund	107·5	113·2

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY
31 St Andrew Sq., Edinburgh EH2 2OZ
031-556-9101

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
222·6	155·9	Mixed	210·0	221·1
243·0	144·4	Equity	229·6	241·7
131·3	116·1	Fixed Int.	124·7	131·3
263·2	175·5	International	228·3	240·3
124·1	109·5	Property	117·8	124·1
115·1	96·5	Index linked	106·1	111·7
123·47	109·65	Cash	117·29	123·47
123·4	90·0	Edinburgh Inv.	110·1	115·8
131·6	82·9	Edinburgh Am.	110·5	116·2
121·2	80·7	Baillie Gifford Jap.	110·2	116·0

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19, St Andrew Square, Edinburgh.
031-556 9101

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
122·5	95·6	Managed	112·6	118·7
119·6	100·0	Property	104·2	109·8
131·6	93·0	U.K. Equity	123·6	130·2
162·2	99·4	American	136·1	143·3
139·5	89·9	Pacific	112·6	118·6
126·4	98·6	European	114·6	120·7
138·7	97·8	International	121·2	127·7
106·8	93·8	Fixed Int.	99·4	104·4
110·8	95·7	Index Linked	101·7	107·7
106·4	100·0	Deposit	101·0	106·4
115·0	100·0	Pens Property	107·2	113·0
138·8	98·0	Pens U.K. Equity	130·4	137·4
174·8	99·4	Pens American	144·5	152·3
136·9	90·8	Pens Pacific	116·7	123·0
131·9	97·8	Pens European	118·9	125·3
147·1	98·7	Pens International	127·6	134·3
108·4	94·2	Pens Fixed Int.	101·4	106·9
113·1	95·8	Pens Index Linked	104·1	109·6
110·9	100·0	Pens Deposit	105·2	110·9
127·6	95·4	Pens Managed	117·0	123·3

SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INSTITUTION
6, St Andrew Square, Edinburgh
031-556 9181

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
122·0	99·8	Mixed	114·6	120·7
130·2	100·3	Equity	123·2	129·8
147·9	102·5	International	129·3	136·2
112·8	101·2	Property	107·1	112·8
112·5	95·2	Fixed Int	101·0	106·4
105·4	91·6	Index Linked	100·0	105·4
108·1	100·9	Cash	102·6	108·1
119·3	99·1	Pen Mixed Init.	112·4	118·4
124·4	101·5	Pen Mixed Ord.	117·1	123·4
132·0	99·8	Pen Equity Initial	122·4	129·0
137·1	101·8	Pen Equity Ord.	128·7	135·6
147·1	100·9	Pen Intl Initial	128·2	135·1
153·5	105·2	Pen Intl Ord.	134·0	141·1
111·6	101·3	Pen Prop Init.	105·9	111·6
116·9	101·5	Pen Prop Ord.	110·7	116·6
106·6	95·5	Pen Fix Int Init.	101·2	106·6
111·1	97·3	Pen Fix Int Ord.	105·5	111·1
105·0	89·9	Pen I.L. Init.	97·3	102·5
111·2	92·1	Pen I.L. Ord.	102·0	107·5
107·6	100·8	Pen Cash Init.	102·1	107·6
113·5	101·2	Pen Cash Ord.	106·8	112·5

SCOTTISH WIDOWS GROUP
P.O. Box 902, Edinburgh, EH16 5BU.
031-655 6000

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
339·2	261·9	Inv Pol 1	334·5	334·5
331·2	250·1	Inv Pol 2	310·7	326·6
326·5	255·2	Inv Pol 3	305·9	322·0
170·5	158·3	Inv Pol Cash	161·9	170·5
185·7	154·5	Mixed Fd.	176·1	185·4
214·4	164·6	Equity Fd.	203·1	213·9
133·0	120·7	Prop Fd.	126·3	133·0
176·2	132·1	Intnl Fd.	155·2	163·5
165·7	148·3	Fix Int Fd.	157·3	165·6
114·7	100·6	Ind stk Fd.	108·4	114·2
126·8	118·3	Cash Fd.	120·4	126·8
215·7	172·7	Pen Mxd Ord.	203·6	211·4
241·7	178·0	Pen Eq Ord.	229·1	241·3
146·8	132·3	Pen Prop Ord.	139·4	146·8
201·5	146·8	Pen Intl Ord.	177·0	186·5
198·4	170·4	Pen F I Ord.	189·4	195·3
122·7	103·2	Pen Ind St Ord.	113·5	119·5
147·7	131·6	Pen Cash Ord.	140·2	147·7
899·7	706·0	PM Man.	890·5	890·5
419·4	315·9	PM stk Ex.	409·5	409·5
137·9	123·7	PM Prop.	137·9	137·9
153·2	133·9	PM Cash	153·2	153·2
425·9	342·9	Ex Unit Acc.	411·6	425·0

SKANDIA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
Frobisher House, Nelson Gate, Southampton. 0703 334411

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
191·0	155·4	Managed Life Acc.	173·9	185·0
236·3	184·6	Managed PensionAc	213·5	224·5
217·1	175·4	InternationalLifeAcc	191·2	201·3
298·8	223·0	International PensAcc	256·6	270·1
121·1	95·5	ArbuthnotManLifeAc	112·7	118·6
125·6	94·0	Arbuthnot Pens. Acc.	117·9	124·1
106·7	86·2	BritanniaManLifeAc	99·3	104·5
125·6	92·5	BritanniaPensionsAc	114·3	120·3
115·5	90·8	FramlingtonManLifeAc	106·0	111·5
137·0	98·7	FramlingtonPensAcc	125·4	131·9
113·9	88·1	GartmoreManLifeAc	105·3	110·8
132·9	95·9	Gartmore Pens. Acc.	122·4	128·8
115·1	92·1	HendersonManLifeAc	107·4	113·0
130·9	98·7	Henderson Pens Acc.	117·0	123·1
112·7	91·4	TSBManLifeAcc	103·9	109·3
125·9	93·0	TSB Pensions Acc.	116·7	122·8
197·6	159·5	Equity Life Acc.	187·8	197·6
251·7	191·0	Equity Pensions Acc.	237·6	250·1
157·4	145·1	Gilt Plus Life Acc.	148·1	155·8
196·4	174·3	Gilt Plus Pens. Acc.	184·7	194·4
149·6	136·9	Property Life Acc.	141·7	149·2
189·2	167·6	Property Pens. Acc.	179·6	189·1
150·1	137·1	Deposit Life Acc.	142·1	150·1
193·5	172·6	Deposit Pensions Acc	185·2	193·5

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1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
278·5	213·0	Managed	259·7	273·4
176·9	161·7	Property	168·0	176·9
359·5	283·9	Equity	337·7	355·5
299·7	206·5	International	253·4	266·7
206·2	174·6	Fixed Interest	183·2	193·8
344·2	252·7	Pens. Mngd	323·7	340·5
464·1	377·6	Pens Equity	434·7	457·6
369·5	245·2	Pens Intnl	321·3	338·3
112·5	97·7	Index-Linked	104·6	110·1
151·0	138·2	Cash	143·5	151·0
187·4	164·3	Pens Property	178·0	187·4
210·3	184·3	Pens Fixed Interest	199·7	210·3
115·6	96·3	Pens Index-Linked	106·1	111·7
176·9	157·7	Pens Cash	168·0	176·9

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0403-64141

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Life Funds				
399·0	304·4	Equity	375·3	395·1
231·9	204·3	Fixed Interest	216·8	227·2
283·6	190·9	International	249·0	261·1
315·1	248·0	Managed	294·7	310·3
257·4	225·6	Property	244·5	257·4
164·0	153·2	Deposit	156·8	164·0
136·0	113·2	Index Linked	125·6	132·3
124·6	49·3	North America	105·9	109·4
116·9	100·0	Far East	102·9	109·4
523·57	421·73	International Bond	—	520·59
Pension Funds				
218·7	156·4	Equity	206·6	217·5
195·1	171·2	Fixed Interest	184·6	194·4
144·9	119·5	Property	137·5	144·8
206·3	162·0	Managed	195·4	205·6
160·9	132·6	Index Linked	148·3	156·2
245·8	160·5	International	231·9	245·1
136·6	120·9	Deposit	129·7	136·6

SUN LIFE PENSIONS MNGMT LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
330·9	305·0	Pens. Mngd. Acc.	311·0	327·4
167·1	160·8	Pens Property Acc.	158·7	167·1
415·0	357·9	Pens. Equity Acc.	392·5	413·0
177·3	171·1	Pens. Fixed Int. Acc	168·4	177·3
111·4	104·6	Pens. Inl. Link. Acc	104·4	109·6
171·2	166·1	Pens. Cash Acc.	162·6	171·2
185·4	149·8	Pens. Amer. Eq Acc	164·0	172·8
149·0	120·8	Pens U.S. Bonds Acc	128·4	135·2
142·0	123·2	Pens. Japan Acc.	121·9	128·4
179·1	111·5	Pens Pacific Acc.	121·0	127·4
431·8	320·0	Pens. Far Eastrn Acc	383·8	404·1
327·0	284·3	Pens. Intnl. Acc.	258·8	309·1
135·3	122·8	Pens. U.S. Dollar Acc	116·3	123·5
123·5	110·7	Pens. Yen Acc.	105·1	110·7
108·8	101·5	Pens. Euro. Curr. Acc	96·2	101·2

SUN LIFE UNIT ASSURANCE LTD
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0272-426911

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
339·0	321·2	Managed Acc.	317·8	335·9
207·3	205·3	Property Acc.	196·9	207·5
466·6	323·7	Equity Acc.	433·7	456·5
187·4	179·2	Fixed Interest Acc.	177·2	186·6
110·2	103·4	Index-Linked Acc.	102·1	107·5
171·8	168·8	Cash Acc.	163·2	171·7
216·3	183·9	AmericanEquity Acc	183·9	193·6
124·2	116·5	U.S. Bonds Acc.	108·3	114·1
134·6	121·6	Japan Acc.	115·6	121·7
121·2	103·7	Pacific Acc.	104·6	110·1
289·8	264·1	Far Eastern Acc.	253·0	266·4
263·5	237·6	International Acc.	230·0	242·2
124·7	114·9	U.S. Dollar Acc.	109·1	114·4
111·9	103·9	Yen Acc.	98·7	103·9
101·7	101·7	European Curr. Acc	96·6	101·7
154·1	139·0	Distribution	145·6	153·3

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High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
586·9	456·9	Growth Account	—	586·9
330·1	274·7	Managed Account	—	322·4
411·2	306·1	Equity Account	—	408·0
166·0	138·4	Maple Leaf Mngd. Fd	156·9	165·1
196·8	147·1	Maple Leaf Eq. Fd.	185·5	195·3
146·2	128·6	MapleLeaf Fix. In. Fd	136·3	143·5
139·2	113·1	Maple Leaf Prop. Fd	122·7	129·2
120·5	112·0	Maple Leaf Money Fd	114·7	120·8
229·4	170·4	Maple Leaf Intnl. Fd	205·5	216·4
120·6	102·8	Maple Leaf In Lin Fd	114·4	117·3
611·4	460·7	Personal Pens. Acnt	—	609·8
299·7	235·6	Pensions Mngd. Acc.	283·9	298·8
100·9	100·0	Pens. Guaranteed Fd.	95·8	100·9
103·3	99·7	Pens. Equity Fd.	98·1	103·3
100·5	100·0	Pens. Property Fd.	95·4	100·6
108·8	100·0	Pens. Fixed Int. Fd.	97·3	102·4
107·1	99·8	Pens. Intnl. Fd.	94·8	99·8
107·5	100·0	Pens. Money Fd.	96·2	101·3
104·1	100·0	Pens. Index Link Fd	98·8	104·1

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139·4	114·5	Managed Fund	139·4	139·4
119·1	104·2	Gilt & Fixed Int. Fd.	111·3	117·2
115·1	107·1	Cash Fund	109·3	115·1

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High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
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284·3	214·8	Series 2 Equity Fund.	266·4	280·4
213·5	181·1	Series 2 Prop. Fund	202·9	213·5
202·9	173·3	Series 2 Fixed Int. Fd	190·1	200·1
145·5	137·6	Series 2 Money Fund.	138·3	145·5
207·3	168·8	Series 2 O'seas Fund.	188·9	198·8
447·1	358·7	Tulip Invest. Fund	419·8	441·9
315·6	253·3	Tulip Managed Fund.	294·4	309·8
221·8	181·5	Managed Fund Int.	208·2	219·1
285·0	208·7	Managed Fund Acc.	242·8	255·5
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112·9	104·6	Property	107·7	113·4
159·5	115·0	Equity	146·1	153·9
116·9	98·4	Fixed Int.	109·5	115·4
112·2	104·2	Money	105·7	111·4
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190·5	153·8	International	173·7	185·0
278·5	225·1	U.K. Equity	262·5	276·4
265·9	222·8	Managed	248·3	261·5
322·6	255·0	High Yield	304·7	320·9
225·4	199·1	Gilt Edged	210·9	222·1
305·4	237·8	Growth Acc.	285·0	300·1
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309·4	287·8	Property	293·8	309·4
351·0	238·4	Guaranteed	347·0	350·1
216·4	198·5	Money	205·5	216·4
251·2	220·0	Fiscal	237·6	250·2
359·5	231·2	Pensions Managed	337·1	354·9
257·1	211·2	Pensions Deposit	225·2	237·1
317·5	272·5	Pensions Property	301·6	317·5
253·4	222·6	Pensions Gilt Edged.	239·2	252·9
351·3	265·2	Pensions Equity	331·3	348·9
118·5	104·8	Pensions Swiss Bond.	99·0	104·4
117·9	107·4	Pensions Woolwich	111·9	117·9
116·0	99·0	Henderson Active	104·7	110·4
125·8	99·0	Perpetual Active	112·8	118·9
104·1	76·2	Trident Bond	98·7	104·7
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295·2	254·9	Fixed Interest	280·0	294·8
254·1	224·7	Property	241·3	254·1
305·1	218·1	International	262·7	276·6
134·6	94·0	North American	115·1	121·2
115·6	83·5	Pacific Basin	108·3	106·2
121·6	94·1	European	111·4	117·3
207·3	188·2	Cash	192·2	201·3
329·0	255·4	Pensions Managed	308·1	324·4
445·4	322·4	Pensions Equity	420·6	440·8
267·6	225·5	Pensions Fixed Int.	254·4	267·8
219·8	201·3	Pensions Property	208·8	219·8
125·1	104·4	PensIndex-L'kedGilt	114·2	120·3
151·0	124·4	Pens Intnat'alMoney	136·2	143·4
156·0	102·7	Pens. Global Equity	133·0	140·1
104·2	100·0	Pensions Cash	98·9	101·2
12·50	8·44	Pens. Guaranteed (2)	11·56	—

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NEW ZEALAND
Ministry of Energy
STATE COAL MINES
MINES DIVISION
HUNTLY

New Zealand State Coal Mines is planning a fourfold increase in coal production from coal mines in the Huntly District of the North Island. The mines are located 90 kilometres south of Auckland city and 45 kilometres north of Hamilton.

Huntly itself has a population of 6,500 people, most of whom are involved in mining or energy related industries. Though a small town, Huntly is friendly and well served by local amenities.

Auckland is New Zealand's largest city. It has a population of one million and all the entertainment and leisure facilities common to large metropolitan areas.

The main urban centre for the Waikato region is Hamilton, a city of just under 100,000 people.

New Zealand comprises a small group of islands in the southern region of the South Pacific. It is world famous for its breathtaking and unspoilt scenery. A temperate climate encourages participation in a variety of outdoor pursuits all year round. These include skiing at Mount Ruapehu, trout fishing at world famous Lake Taupo, walking in our National Parks and yachting and swimming at our golden beaches.

All this is within easy reach of Huntly.

Through this expansion programme State Coal Mines has the following vacancies at Huntly for which applications are invited.

VACANCY 2281 SENIOR MINING ENGINEER, HUNTLY

The position involves the development of existing and new mines and the introduction of new mining systems and techniques.

The appointee will work in conjunction with geological and geomechanics staff and will co-ordinate the activities of a small group of mining engineers.

Applicants must have a degree in mining and at least five years professional experience in underground coal mines. Experience in longwall retreat mining in thick seams conditions would be an advantage.

Salary up to $NZ34,797 per year according to qualifications and experience.

VACANCY 2282 TRAINING OFFICER, HUNTLY

The appointee will be responsible for conducting training courses in basic coal mining technology for new recruits and retraining existing staff in new mining technologies.

Applicants must have practical underground coal mining experience and a sound knowledge of mining technology.

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VACANCY 2284 MINE PLANNING ENGINEER, HUNTLY

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The successful applicant will assist with all mine planning activities at the mine including the preparation of 5 year plans, action programmes and mine detail planning. He will form part of a young management team.

The candidate should have considerable experience in planning related to longwall coal mining at both mine and HQ level. He should if possible have had experience in method study activities.

He should be the holder of a degree in Mining Engineering and/or the First Class Certificate of Competency. Existing planners who hold the Mine Surveyors Certificate will also be considered.

Salary up to $NZ31,931 per year according to qualifications and experience.

VACANCY 2286 MINING ENGINEERS (2), HUNTLY

Appointees will be involved in planning of new and existing coal mines in the Huntly district by providing advice on mining methods and plant and to assist in the production of the best strategies of mine development.

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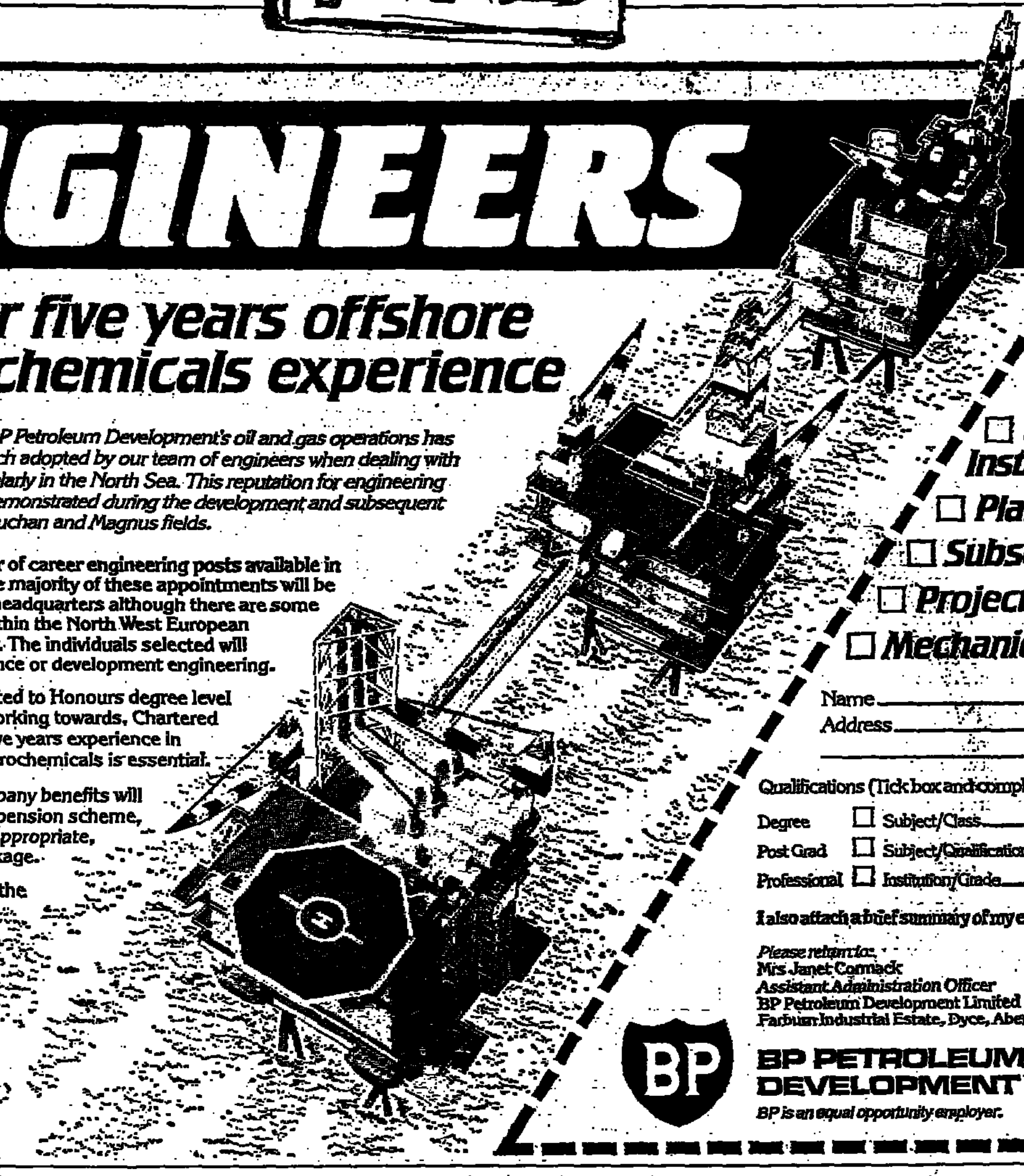

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SULTANATE OF OMAN
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
ENGINEERING DIVISION

Our Client, the Engineering Division, MOD Sultanate of Oman, is responsible for the construction, operation and maintenance of buildings, roads and installations in military bases of the Armed Forces of the Sultan and needs the following staff:

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Unaccompanied status Salary c£27,500 pa (+ gratuity*)

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Job Ref No 1912(W)

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Job Ref No 1913(W)

*2 year contract (renewable by mutual consent). The pay, quoted at the current rate of exchange (RO 0.369=£1 sterling) is payable in Omani Rials tax free fully remissible. In addition there is a *GRATUITY OF 20% of all salary over the 2 years payable on satisfactory completion of contract. Fully furnished, air conditioned accommodation, services and transport provided free. 60 days leave per annum taken in 3 x 20 days with all passages paid.

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Salary will be within the range $A24,840 – $A32,634 per annum, depending on qualifications and experience.

Applications, which close on Friday 12th April 1985, giving personal details, qualifications, experience and the names and addresses of two referees should be forwarded to:

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P.O. Box 64, Footscray 3011, Victoria, Australia.

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Applicants should be aged around 30 with a business degree and must have extensive sales and marketing experience. The ability to speak two of the following languages would also be an advantage: German, French and Spanish.

PROJECT MANAGER

The successful applicant will be responsible for liaising with our development company in Sweden, designing our new machinery, choosing and dealing with UK suppliers, as well as assembling the new machinery at our factory in Tunbridge Wells.

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Applications are invited from professional land surveyors who are members of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors and who have a degree in surveying or equivalent qualifications.

Applicants for posts 164A, B, and C should have previous management experience with responsibility for planning and supervising ground surveys, aerial photography, photogrammetric mapping, cartographic drawing and map reproduction.

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**Northern Ireland Civil Service Commission,
Rosepark House, Upper Newtownards Road,
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Please quote reference SB 38/85.**

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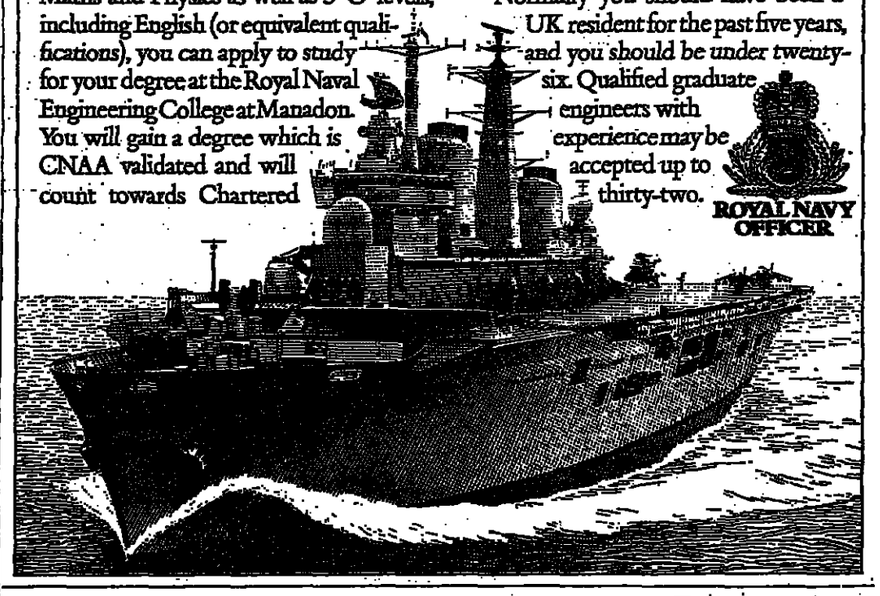

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Applicants must have a track record of successful performance in a related field (i.e. paint, ink, surface coatings). An involvement in quality control/assurance is desirable, however, success in developmental work is essential. A persuasive communicator who has highly disciplined analytical and problem-solving skills together with a real sense of urgency would be most favourably regarded. Age is fairly open although a person 30-40 years would be ideal. The successful applicant will be required to be fluent in English and Italian.

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Please send c.v. to: Mr J. Lazarus, Pike Holdings Plc, 188 York Way, London N7 9AT.

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HOUSES AND ESTATES

Driven under ground

IT IS refreshing to visit a development in town where cars know their place and where there is simply not room for the luxury of cul-de-sac and turning points.

In 1982 a grain merchant and a developer got together to form Usborne Developments, and their first development in Islington set the trend for subsequent schemes, with dustbins and cars kept out of view.

Recently I visited the company's development in Kennington, only a mile from Westminster. It is called Herald's Place, and like most of Usborne's work it is approached through a dramatic archway.

The archway has become another trademark of the company. They are usually embellished with a clock or some similar feature.

Herald's Place is an eclectic development, containing architectural features of numerous periods. The ample underground car park is approached through an electrically operated portcullis.

The development consists of more than 50 units which include one-bedroom flats priced from £40,000; two-bedroom houses costing from £57,500, and three-bedroom houses from £70,000. All have fitted carpets and tiny back yards (which builders insist upon calling "patios" these days).

Usborne's latest offering is called Shrewsbury Mews, again approached through an archway, which consists of a total of 30 homes just off Chepstow Road, close to Bayswater Road. Here, however, the developer has had to provide individual garaging for the units. Prices start at £62,500 for a one-bedroom maisonette, rising to £115,000 or more for a three bedroom house. Faron Sutaria is agent for the development, while Daniel Smith with Townchoice are selling Herald's Place.

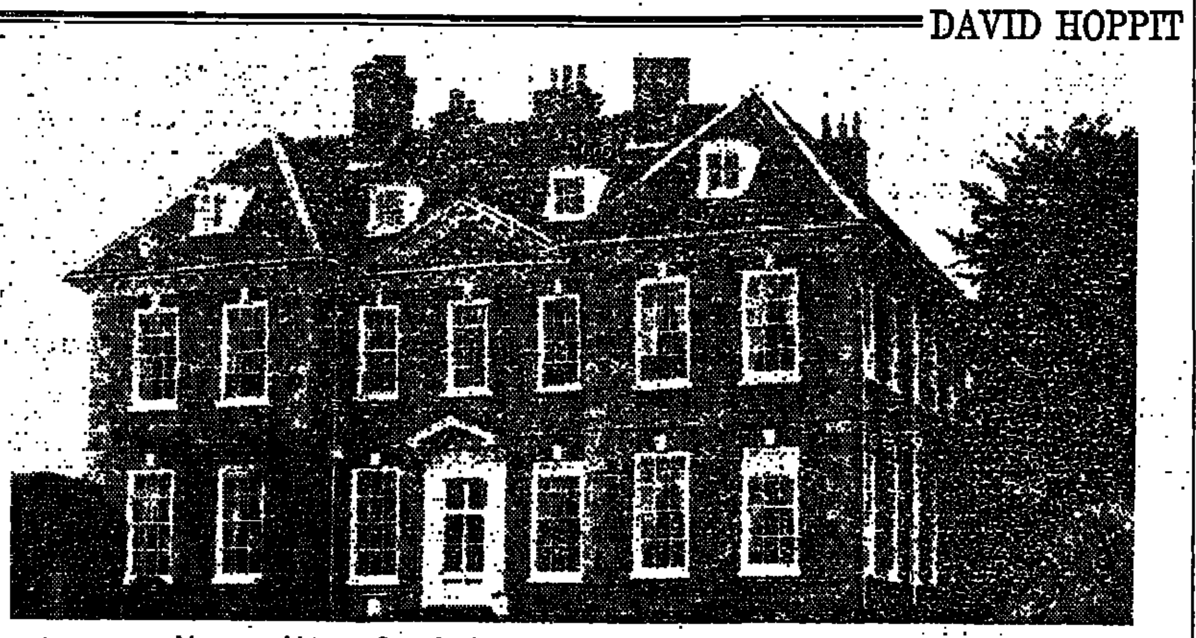
Where builders are able to build larger blocks of flats there is ample opportunity for keeping cars out of sight in a basement floor, and this is what Sunley Holdings has achieved at its Thameswalk studio and duplex block at Battersea.

Emphasis has been put on security, and the underground garaging is no exception, being approached by remote control entry. Each unit has a river view and wide balcony, but the builder has been somewhat limited, in my view, by some of the local authority's planning requirements, especially those relating to fire precautions.

Galleries and stairwells have had to be enclosed, and some of the bedrooms lead directly on to a shared access to the fire escapes, reducing that all-important privacy.

Prices for the 125-year leases range between £65,000 for a studio and £175,000 for a two-bedroom duplex apartment. Aylesford with Knight Frank and Rutley are the agents.

DAVID HOPPIT



Alveston House, Stratford-upon-Avon: tempting buy for Americans.

Manor with scandalous past

WETHERINGSETT Manor, in Suffolk, was built by the rector of the parish in 1843. A later incumbent, George Wilfred Ellis, was very popular with parishioners between 1858 and 1883 until it was discovered that he was bogus, and the people he had married found their children were illegitimate. A special Act of Parliament was needed to validate the marriages.

No such scandals happen today but the village attracts many holiday-makers and a great number have enjoyed staying at the manor which has been run as a country hotel by the Retief family.

Now the family wants a rest and Savills is offering the manor and its 18 acres of parkland and woodland for around £225,000.

"It has been a challenging experience, but though the old place is in an idyllic spot it has not proved an ideal location for a hotel. It is really better suited as a nursing home, a company headquarters, or a school perhaps," Mr Eldred Retief told me.

The house has eight bedrooms, six with en-suite bathrooms, and five large reception rooms. There is a two-bedroom flat, and also a two bedroom cottage.

Shakespeare country

AMERICAN interest in British property is not confined to London. Anything close to Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, is likely to attract considerable attention and there has certainly been no shortage of interest from that continent in Alveston House, a superb William and Mary home two miles north-east of Shakespeare's town.

The 56-acre grounds include a 1,200 yard stretch of the River Avon itself. The records of the estate go back to 886, at which time it belonged to Worcester Priory, and at the Domesday survey it had a mill. Thomas Peers built the present house in 1689, and it remained in his family's ownership until 1810. The present owner is Mr Paul Heald, an American.

As well as the elegant principal house there is a coach house, a modern three-bedroom cottage, outbuildings, including stables and a boathouse, a walled garden, and a small island on the river. Hamptons, who are looking for offers around £600,000, have set a date in May for the auction but the property will almost certainly be sold before then.

For someone desiring a riverside setting but having rather less to spend there is Hartwell House, at Wroxham, in Norfolk, which has 150 foot frontage to the River Bure, together with a mooring dyke.

Although only seven miles from Norwich the property is said by Strutt and Parker to be in one of the foremost Broads locations. The house, built at the beginning of the century, has six bedrooms, plus a studio cottage. A price guide of £175,000 is given. Kenneth Shipman Balmforth and Partners are joint agents.

A Dame in a manger

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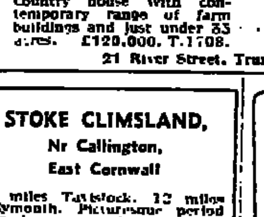

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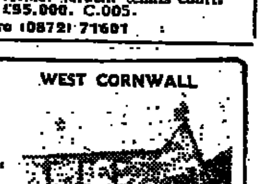

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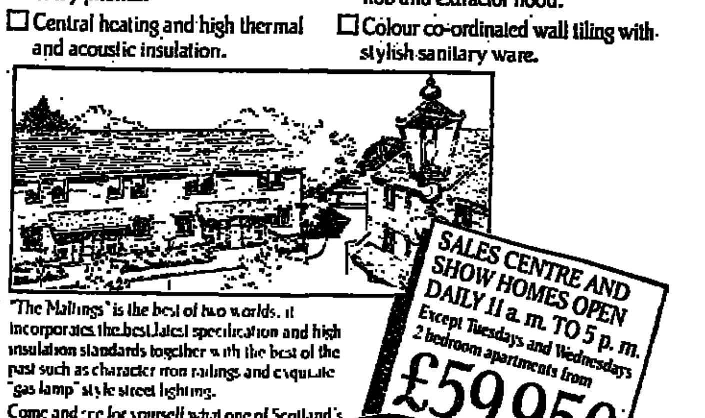

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DOUGHTY JOINS DE HAAN ON INJURED LIST

By HOTSPUR (Peter Scott)

NEALE DOUGHTY and Ben de Haan, who have won the last two Grand Nationals on Hallo Dandy and Corbiere, cannot ride them on Saturday because of injury. Peaty Sandy, Scotland's hope, is also injured.

Peter Scudamore was announced on Monday night as Corbiere's replacement rider. Hallo Dandy's Liverpool jockey will be settled today after yesterday's medical examination confirmed that Doughty's dislocated right shoulder would need more recovery time.

Doughty, examined in London, then made his way back to Cumbria where Hallo Dandy's trainer Gordon Richards was awaiting his views on a suitable deputy.

Available trio

Mrs Joan Richards, Gordon's wife, recalls that her husband was also faced with a similar late riding change in 1978 for Lucius, the first of his two Grand National winners.

Bob Davies replaced David Goulding on Lucius. Mrs Richards pointed out last night that several top northern riders, including Graham Bradley, running had become non-existent but left them in to ensure the return of entry and acceptance fees.

See You Then, the Champion Hurdle winner, has been withdrawn from Saturday's Sandeman Aintree Hurdle, but probables include Robin Wonder, Gaye Brief and Fredcoteri, who finished second, fourth and fifth to him at Cheltenham.

Centroline and Passage Creeper, further down the Champion Hurdle field, are other acceptors. An interesting opponent for them all will be that tough mare Rose Ravine, who beat her stable-companion Crimson Embers for the Waterford Crystal Stayers' Hurdle at Cheltenham and kept the race after a controversial stewards' decision.

Gaye Brief, whose Champion Hurdle preparation had been interrupted, will probably start favourite on Saturday. His ability to stay two miles and five furlongs was shown with a

TODAY'S CATTERICK SELECTIONS

HOTSPUR	COURSE CORR.	FORM
2.15—O. I. Oyston	——	2.15—Trade High
2.45—Dublin Lad		——
3.15—Eastbrook	3.15—Shanouska	3.15—Uptown Girl
3.45—Run Easy	3.45—Mickey Finn	3.45—Run Easy
4.15—Red Duster	4.15—HALF ASLEEP (nap)	4.15—SECRET FINALE (nap)
4.45—Sequestrator	4.45—Sequestrator	——
5.15—CLASSIC PROFILE (nap)	——	5.15—Dona Perfecta

HOTSPUR'S DOUBLE.—Sequestrator and Classic Profile.
NEWMARKET NAP.—Bondoe (4.15).
TONY STAFFORD.—Carneades (4.15).

Robert Earnshaw and Geordie Dun are still without mounts.

Miss Helen Hamilton, who owns and trains Peaty Sandy in Peeblesshire, was forced to withdraw him at yesterday's declaration stage because of an injured off-hind fetlock.

Peaty Sandy finished sixth in 1983 and his success at Kelso last Wednesday had Miss Hamilton hopeful of another good run. The injury, which may have occurred in that race, has become worse rather than responding to treatment.

Peaty Sandy has now been sent to a veterinary college in Edinburgh for further X-rays and examination.

Forty-eight were left in at the Grand National's declaration stage. Mr Snugfit has comfortably escaped elimination and only the eight bottom weights are now so threatened. These include Northern Bay, winner of Cheltenham's four-mile National Hunt 'Chase two weeks ago.

The situation provides a happy contrast to last year, when 81 were left in at the four-day stage. Numerous stables realised that the chance of their horses' victory over Dawn Run in the same Liverpool race under different sponsorship two years ago.

Badsworth Boy, who has now completed a hat-trick of victories in Cheltenham's Queen Mother Champion 'Chase, heads 12 acceptors for Saturday's Captain Morgans Aintree Handicap 'Chase.

Kathies Lad, another of this month's Cheltenham winners, and Very Promising, are among those left in against Badsworth Boy, who has not found Liverpool a lucky course.

Kala Dancer, whose Dewhurst Stakes victory last autumn has made him a leading hope for this year's 2,000 Guineas and Derby, had a temperature earlier this month but trainer Ben Hanbury reports that the colt is back in work.

HOTSPUR'S "TWELVE"

None of the horses listed in Hotspur's Twelve to Follow (Flat or NH) is engaged today.

STATE OF GOING

Advance official going for tomorrow's meetings: Liverpool, "good;" Taunton, "heavy."

Clutterbuck (John Francome), right, and Claude Monet jump together at the last fence yesterday at Sandown Park. Clutterbuck won by six lengths.

GRAND NATIONAL LINE-UP

3.20: SEAGRAM GRAND NATIONAL H'CAP 'CH Penalty Value £54,485 4½m LIVERPOOL SATURDAY

1 441 Corbiere (CD), Mrs J. Pitman, 10 11-10 ... P. Scudamore
2 415 Drumlargan, E. O'Grady, Ireland, 11 11-8 ... J. Francome
3 047 Stra'ght Accord, F. Walwyn, 10 11-0 ... S. Shilston
4 332 Greasepaint, D. Weld, Ireland, 10 10-13 ... T. Carmody
5 213 Lucky Vane, G. Balding, 10 10-13 ... J. Burke
6 410 Hallo Dandy (C.D) (BF), G. W. Richards, 11 10-12 ... —
7 430 Broomy Bank, J. Edwards, 10 10-7 ... Mr A. J. Wilson
8 001 Fethard Friend, J. Edwards, 10 10-7 ... P. Barton
9 113 Classified (BF), N. Henderson, 9 10-7 ... P. Croucher
10 240 Tacroy, M. Masson, 11 10-3 ... A. Stringer
11 32P Last Suspect (BF), T. Forster, 11 10-2 ... H. Davies
12 410 Scot Lane, M. Tate, 12 10-1 ... C. Smith
13 111 West Tip, M. Oliver, 8 10-1 ... R. Dunwoody
14 422 Fortina's Express, W. A. Stephenson, 11 10-1 ... R. Lamb
15 100 Kumbi, D. McCain, 10 10-0 ... K. Doolan
16 034 Dalmore, N. Meade, Ireland, 7 10-0 ... P. Leech
17 0P0 Mumo, F. Winter, 9 10-0 ... Mr S. Sherwood
18 030 Dud'e, P. Mullins, Ireland, 7 10-0 ... A. Mullins
19 403 Rupertino, E. H. Owen jnr, 10 10-0 ... R. Strange
20 0P0 Imperial Black, N. Crump, 9 10-0 ... C. Hawkins
21 3F0 Shady Deal, J. Gifford, 12 10-0 ... R. Rowe
22 24F Poyntz Pass, R. Fisher, 10 10-0 ... M. Meagher
23 000 Tubbertelly, M. Hourigan, Ireland, 8 10-0 ... —
24 412 The Drunken Duck, G. Richards, 12 10-0 ... D. Conkley
25 143 Talon, R. Armytage, 10 10-0 ... A. Webber
26 004 Onapromise, Denys Smith, 9 10-0 ... A. Brown
27 240 Knockawad, M. Hourigan, Ireland, 8 10-0 ... K. F. O'Brien
28 330 Blackrath Prince, G. Balding, 9 10-0 ... B. Reilly
29 003 Hill Of Slane, A. Jarvis, 9 10-0 ... S. Smith Eccles
30 400 Royal Appointment, T. Carberry, Ireland, 10 10-0 ... P. Gill
31 000 Solihull Sport, J. Spearing, 11 10-0 ... S. Morshead
32 014 Clonthurtin, A. Moore, Ireland, 11 10-0 ... Mr T. Thomson Jones
33 -00 Faploon (C), F. Walwyn, 10 10-0 ... K. Mooney
34 220 Baskal Lad, M. Oliver, 10 10-0 ... G. McCourt
35 200 Cross, J. Fox, 10 10-0 ... S. Moore
36 111 Mr Snugfit, M. W. Easterby, 8 10-0 ... P. Tuck
37 244 Glenlox, S. Mellor, 8 10-0 ... —
38 -00 Never Tamper, J. Baker, 10 10-0 ... C. Brown
39 0P0 Roman Bistro, J. Gifford, 9 10-0 ... P. Nicholls
40 PP2 Captain Parkhill, B. McLean, 12 10-0 ... C. Grant
41 030 Leney Dual, D. Pitcher, 10 10-0 ... Mr D. Pitcher
42 4F0 Our Cloud, S. Shields, Ireland, 9 10-0 ... —
43 13F Three Chances, R. Champion, 6 10-0 ... —
44 10P Immderate (BF), G. Richards, 12 10-0 ... —
45 21P Greenhill Hall (BF), C. Thornton, 9 10-0 ... —
46 P21 Northern Bay (BF), T. Bill, 9 10-0 ... —
47 343 Rockin Berry, Mrs M. Evans, 10 10-0 ... —
48 4P2 Oakprime, D. Pitcher, 10 10-0 ... —

Latest betting: 7 Greasepaint, West Tip, Corbiere, 8 Lucky Vane, 12 Drumlargan, 14 Hallo Dandy, 20 and upwards others.

1984: Hallo Dandy 10 10-2, N. Doughty, 13-1, G. Richards. 40 ran.

Francome adapts to clinch hat-trick

JOHN FRANCOME, anxious to win a Grand National before the end of his distinguished career, warmed up for Saturday's highly-promising Aintree ride on Drumlargan with a 120-1 hat-trick at Sandown Park yesterday on Clutterbuck, Dumper and Toirdealbhach.

Francome's tactical awareness has always been one of his strongest assets and yesterday, on extremely testing ground, the champion jockey employed contrasting tactics on each of his mounts.

On Clutterbuck, winner of the British Aerospace Rapier Novices' 'Chase, he was happy to sit in behind as Claude Monet set the pace. He moved his mount up into a challenging position at the final fence, contrived a fast, fluent jump at the obstacle, and took Fred Winter's promising novice six lengths clear up the run-in.

Dumper's resolution has often been called into question, but after making all the running in the Alanbrooke Memorial Handicap 'Chase, Francome's partner responded gamely when challenged on the run-in by the favourite Mount Oliver.

Easy victory

His final victory was the most easily gained. Toirdealbhach, relishing the testing ground, was on terms with his Royal Artillery Handicap 'Chase opponents much earlier than in recent outings.

Francome allowed Pat O'Connor's 11-year-old to take the lead four fences out, and from then on the race became a procession, Lulav taking second place 10 lengths behind the winner. This put Francome on the 96 mark for the season.

Although Mr Gerald Oxley, son of former trainer John Oxley, has very little racecourse experience, his winning percentage betters even Francome's, for Turn Blue made his tally three victories from just five mounts when winning the Royal Artillery Gold Cup on Turn Blue.

Oxley is serving with the 13th/18th Hussars in Germany, and flew over yesterday morning to take the mount on Bob Champion's promising six-year-old. Mr Oxley has won the last two Grand Military Gold Cups on Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother's Special Cargo.

There was a Grand National note to Leicester's Flat-race meeting yesterday when Hunter's Fen, owned by Mrs Rhonna Bigg landed the Kibworth Claiming Stakes.

Runner-up claimed

Mrs Bigg's husband John owned Oxo, winner of the 1959 Grand National, and his colours were carried to success at Leicester on Monday when Kiev, owned in partnership with Reg Hollinshead, won the seller.

Hunter's Fen got the better of a drawn-out last-furlong tussle with Paniolo, after which the runner-up was claimed for 4,000 guineas by local bookmaker Brian Ingamells.

Steve Cauthen had a disappointing ride on 7-4 favourite Powder Blue, unplaced behind 33-1 chance Lady Eurolink in the Harborough Fillies' Stakes, but was in the winner's enclosure in the next race when Duck Flight won the Butler Handicap by four lengths from Fortune's Ring.

Course Notes & Hints

HALF ASLEEP IS BEST

By Our Course Correspondent

JOHN LOWE, who will be riding regularly for Bill Elsey this season, can get the partnership off to a winning start with HALF ASLEEP* in today's Yarm Handicap (4.15) at Catterick Bridge.

Half Asleep is a maiden on the Flat but she was a hurdles winner over this course three weeks ago.

Today's stiff test of stamina will suit Half Asleep. She may be too good for Secret Finale, another who has been hurdling recently and ran particularly well when third at Ayr earlier this month.

Shanouska, bought for 6,600gns last autumn, is fancied to show a return at the first time of asking on the Flat in the "See It Live" in Yorkshire Handicap (3.15), and Mickey Finn, whose only outing was in good-class non-plating company, may land the Forcett Park Selling Stakes (3.45).

Favoured by conditions

Shanouska has shown his best form on soft ground and is preferred to Lady Cara. Mickey Finn made his debut in the Doncaster race won by Great Reef and showed some promise to be nearest at the finish.

Sequestrator, the only runner in the Oran Maiden Stakes (4.45) with experience, may be worth following. He ran fast to beyond halfway in the race won by Running Edge at Doncaster last Thursday.

From Newmarket

BONDOE BACK ON RIGHT TRACK

By Our Resident Correspondent

Bondoe, who ran the best race of her career at Catterick Bridge last season when second to Accuracy in October, is fancied to get off the mark when she returns to the Yorkshire course for today's Yarm Handicap. The distance suits her well and she should not be troubled by soft ground.

Willie Musson's decision to bring out Sequestrator for the Oran Maiden Stakes after running on the first day of the season is worth following. National Dress, a stablemate of Bondoe, may make a winning debut in the Whorlton Maiden Stakes.

CATTERICK BRIDGE. — 4.15, Bondoe (nap), 4.45, Sequestrator, 5.15, National Dress.

Point-to-Point

Going gets tough at Ross Harriers

By DAVID WELCH

A LOT of tired horses had difficulty coping with heavy underfoot conditions on Saturday, notably at the Ross Harriers meeting at Garnons, where only four out of 25 runners put in clear rounds in the two divisions of the Maiden.

Alison Dare, who landed her fourth success of the season in the Ladies' on Mendip Express, described conditions as "terrible," and added, "the ground was extremely difficult to jump out of."

In contrast, jockeys at the Wilton meeting described the Badbury Rings surface as the best on which they had raced for some time.

Mike Felton and Simon Claisse landed doubles, and Tawny Myth, who had an unbeaten sequence in 14 races before the start of this season, returned to winning form in the Open after suffering two defeats in hunter-'chases.

Pidgeon favourite

Jenny Pidgeon remains favourite for the women riders' title after taking the Ladies' on Random Leg, but Jane McMath, sister of Flat-race jockey Sandy Barclay, is the clear leader.

Mrs McMath had her sixth win of the season, and her fourth on Mackelly, at Cottenham in the Fitzwilliam Ladies'. Sweet Diana, who finished third to Mackelly at Cottesmore a week earlier, won the Grove & Rufford Ladies' at Thorpe.

Rock Fall impressed on ground which suited him in the Fitzwilliam Open (Div. I), and the second division provided French Saint and William Sporborg with their second win in three days.

Luke Harvey, who caught the eye with his polished riding at Didmarton earlier in the season, took the riding honours at Siddington. Harvey, a pupil assistant to Tim Forster, took the V W H Adjacent on Colin Nash's Didmarton winner Game Trust, and followed up on his own stable's When In Rome in the Massey-Ferguson Maiden.

One of eight riders who landed doubles during the afternoon, Harvey has now had four winners.

There was almost a major upset at Parham, where Colonel Henry, so impressive on the course two weeks earlier, was led into the second-last of the Crawley and Horsham Open by John Hickman-ridden Logan.

Hickman thought he was sure to win but Logan hit the top of the fence and came down, leaving Colonel Henry to win by four lengths from Compton Boy.

Saturday marked Jenny Hembrow's last appearance as a rider. She started race-riding in 1968, and had such continued success that her best season was as recently as 1982, when she finished second in the women riders' championship with 15 winners.

Mrs Hembrow was the second woman to ride in the Grand National, in 1979, and went close to becoming the first to win a race at the Cheltenham Festival, when second on Guiburn in the Cathcart Hunters' 'Chase in 1977.

She won many point-to-points and hunter-'chases on Captain Clover, with whom she chose to end her career on Saturday when he ran second in the Weston and Banwell Hunt race to Prince Milbourne.

TODAY'S FIXTURE

Tynedale (Corbridge, 10m W Newcastle).

SATURDAY'S FIXTURES

Burton (Carholme); Cattistock (Beaminster); Cleveland (Little Ayton); Cotswold (Andoversford); Gelligaer Farmers (Nelson); Harkaway Club (Chaddesley Corbett); N Norfolk Harriers (Higham); S Tetcott (Ashwater).

Colonel Henry . . . fortunate winner at Parham.

Catterick Bridge runners, riders and form

EFFECT OF DRAW: Low numbers best up to 7f
Advance Official Going: GOOD TO SOFT

2.15: SPRINGTIME APPRENTICE HANDICAP Penalty Value £798 7f (11 declared)

1 00000-0 O I OYSTON (CD) (J. Berry), J. Berry, 9 9-13 J. Carroll (7) 7
2 04000F- WILLIE GAN (C) (H. Hewitson), Denys Smith, 7 9-10 A. Gorman 10
6 001/000-0 SPIGOT SHAFT (B. Johnson), Mrs C. Lloyd-Jones, 5 9-3 Wendy Jones (7) 6
7 000300- MURILLO (BL) (F. Carr), F. Carr, 9 9-2 ... J. Carr (7) 2
10 000002- RAPID ACTION (Fyvie Transport Ltd), R. Holder, 4 8-9 A. Dicks 8
12 002300- SHIELA CROCKATT (H. B. Crockatt Ltd), M. W. Easterby, 4 8-6 S. Hustler (7) 11
13 02000F- LATE HOUR (G. Smyth), R. Hollinshead, 6 8-6 ... T. Lappin 5
15 003300- TRADE HIGH (Northumbria Leisure Ltd), T. Vickers, 6 8-1 G. Brown 1
18 000040- DEBAYO (S. Norton), S. Norton, 5 7-7 ... — 9
19 000200- INTO THE WIND (J. Owen), Mrs G. Reveley, 4 7-7 A. Shoults 3
21 000000- ALI'S COMET (D. Cooper), B. Richmond, 5 7-7 ... P. Hill 4

S.P. FORECAST: 7-2 O I Oyston, 4 Shiela Crockatt, 11-2 Rapid Action, 7 Murillo, 8 Late Hour, 10 Willie Gan, 12 Trade High, 14 others.

1984: Dunham Park 7 9-13 G. Brown 8-1 J. FitzGerald. 19 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—O I Oyston and Spigot Shaft (rec 4lb) were out of first 9 of 25 to Swift Palm (rec 8lb) at Doncaster (1m) March 22 (good to soft going). Rapid Action (been hurdling) was beaten 3l by Fonido (rec 6lb) at Leicester (7f) Nov 6 (soft). Trade High, 7th of 14 to Vintage Toll (gave 5lb) at Leicester (7f) Nov 6 (soft), was previously beaten 9½l when 5th to The Mazall (rec 12lb) at Nottingham (6f) Oct 30 with Debayo (rec 21lb) 2l away 6th (good to soft). Late Hour, ran out Wolverhampton Oct 9, was previously beaten about 10½l when 5th to Gods Law (rec 8lb) at Beverley (1m) Sept 26 (good). Shiela Crockatt was out of first 13 of 23 to Couture Leg Affair (gave 12lb) at Redcar (6f) Oct 25 (good to soft).

TRADE HIGH is preferred to Rapid Action

2.45: TOYTOP STAKES 2-Y-O £1,006 5f (9)

BIMINI RIDGE (J. Sisterson), G. Moore, 8-11 ... R. P. Elliott 7
1 DANCING TOM (J. Turney), T. Fairhurst, 8-11 C. Coates (5) 1
2 S DUBLIN LAD (M. Brittain), M. Brittain, 8-11 ... B. Coogan 5
3 ERNIE'S BROTHER (Mrs E. Murrell), F. Carr, 8-11 J. Carr (7) 3
4 VALTIVINO (Mrs F. Bradley), D. Chapman, 8-11 M. Wood 6
6 BLESSED AISLE (R. Sangster), J. W. Watts, 8-8 B. Thomson 9
7 DARING DECO (Mrs M. Jarvis), A. Jarvis, 8-8 ... T. Rogers 2
9 JESS'E ELLIS (Mrs A. Daniel), T. Barron, 8-8 ... S. Webster 8
11 KNIGHT HUNTER (J. Hunter), W. Wharton, 8-8 W. Wharton 4
13

S.P. FORECAST: 5-2 Dublin Lad, 3 Knight Hunter, 4 Daring Deco, 6 Blessed Aisle, 8 Dancing Tom, 12 others.

1984: Providen 9-4 T. Ives 2-5F W. O'Gorman. 7 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Dublin Lad was beaten 4l when 3rd to Jeldair (rec 3lb) at Doncaster (5f) March 25 (soft). The rest are unraced; no form selection.

3.15: SEE IT LIVE IN YORKSHIRE HANDICAP £1,255 6f (13)

1 020000- SON OF RAJA (R. Peterst), D. Chapman, 5 9-10 S. P. Griffiths (5) 8
2 000000- LADY CARA (J. Berry), J. Berry, 5 9-8 ... S. Horsfall (5) 12
3 000000- TANG DANCER (D) (D. Chapman), D. Chapman, 4 9-4 M. Wood 7
4 440144- GODS SOLUTION (P. Jones), T. Barron, 4 9-3 S. Webster 10
5 070000- GUNNER ROYAL (CD) (J. Ridneon), H. Wharton, 4 9-1 G. Gosney 11
7 001000- TRIAD TREBLE (BL) (CD) (Triad Garages Ltd), Hbt Jones, 4 8-11 ... T. Ives 3
8 000000- UPTOWN GIRL (Mrs J. Lockwood), J. Smith, 5 8-11 A. Mackay 1
9 000050- LORD SINCLAIR (Sinclair Developments Ltd), M. Lambert, 3 8-10 ... D. Oldham 2
10 000000- BALKAN (M. Elders), J. Harris, 5 8-9 ... A. Proud 5
11 002/00-0 SHANOUSKA (D) (Mrs F. Morris), J. Harris, 5 8-6 W. Ryan (3) 13
12 40/0020- EASTBROOK (M. H. Easterby), M. H. Easterby, 5 8-4 M. Birch 4
13 030144- WILMA RUDOLPH (BL) (A. Duffield), N. Tinkler, 4 8-3 L. Charnock 6
15 000000- MONTAGU MISS (R. Graham), G. Moore, 5 8-2 N. Carlisle 9
14 403200-

S.P. FORECAST: 3 Eastbrook, 7-2 Tang Dancer, 5 Gunner Royal, 13-2 Gods Solution, 8 Lady Cara, 12 Montagu Miss, 14 Shanouska, 16 others.

1984: Ibolian Sound 5 8-1 C. Ollivier 8-1 S. Norton. 15 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Uptown Girl, beaten 7l when 6th to Formido (rec 10lb) at Leicester (7f) Nov 6 (soft), was previously beaten 2½l when 3rd to Miss Rapid (rec 15lb) at Edinburgh (7f) Oct 30 with Triad Treble (rec 5lb) 9th of 14 (good). Son of Raja was beaten about 6½l when 6th to Seven Swallows (rec 5lb) at Edinburgh (1m) Oct 30 (good). Lady Cara was beaten about 3½l when 7th to Wolverhampton (5f) Oct 8 (good to soft). Tang Dancer was beaten 5½l when 4th to Music Machine (rec 7lb) at Ayr (6f) Sept 22 (heavy). Eastbrook was beaten 3l when 4th to Owing Sleven (gave 9lb) at Newmarket (6f) Nov 2 (good).

UPTOWN GIRL is preferred to Lady Cara

3.45: FORCETT PARK SELLING STAKES £1,159 7f (16)

2 000000- KILTTALEY (J. Neville), R. Holder, 4 9-4 ... R. Fox 8
8 0000 00- RIBBLE STAR (W. C. Watts), W. C. Watts, 4 9-4 P. Shrimpton 3
9 040000- ROSE d'ANJOU (Regent Decorators Ltd), J. Johnston, 4 9-4 S. Whitworth (3) 1
11 0104000- TUFTED LOCKS (F. Barlow), D. Yeoman, 4 9-4 ... — 7
12 0000- BRAMPTON IMPERIAL (W. Swarts), D. Chapman, 3 8-6 M. Wood 14
13 0- HENRY'S PLACE (M. Hill), D. Chapman, 3 8-6 J. Lowe 4
14 0- MICKEY FINN (S. Goodchild), M. Lambert, 3 8-6 D. Oldham 16
15 RUN FOR FRED (F. Barlow), J. Parkes, 3 8-6 S. Webster 12
16 000040- WHOKNOWSTHEBOWLER (J. Abbey), A. W. Jones, 3 8-6 T. Rogers 13
17 000000- DAREKA DAWES (E. Howes), G. Moore, 3 8-3 A. Proud 6
18 000000- EMMAZENDA (R. Thomson), J. Parkes, 3 8-3 R. P. Elliott 2
20 00- GREY CORAL (Mrs J. Scott), T. Fairhurst, 3 8-3 C. Coates (5) 9
21

22 0- LADY GRIM (J. David), W. Wharton, 3 8-3 ... W. Wharton 11
24 00040-0 RONAN'S PEARL (B. Reynolds), J. Kettlewell, 3 8-3 S. P. Griffiths (5) 10
25 010- RUN EASY (I. Vickers), I. Vickers, 3 8-3 ... M. Hills 15
26 000-0 SUDDEN LIGHT (BL) (J. Murray), Mrs C. Lloyd-Jones, 3 8-3 J. Williams 5

S.P. FORECAST: 4 Rose d'Anjou, 9-2 Kiltaley, 5 Run Easy, 6 Ronans Pearl, 8 Whoknowsthebowler, 10 Tufter Locks, 12 Lady Grim, 14 Run For Fred.

1984: Eastform 4 9-11 D. Nicholls 6-1JF D. Chapman. 20 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Run Easy, 9th to Sally O'Brien (gave 5lb) at Nottingham (6f) Oct 29 with Lady Grim (gave 3lb) out of first 10 of 22 (good), previously beat Hiderdeeboo (rec 2lb) 1½l at Haydock (6f) Oct 18 (soft). Ronan's Pearl was 12th of 15 to Tarleton (gave 5lb) at Ayr (1m) March 25 (good to soft). Rose d'Anjou was beaten about 8½l when 9th to Mango Man (level) at Brighton (7f) Oct 9 (soft). Tufted Locks was beaten about 8l when 7th to Top Ranker (gave 8lb) at Leicester (6f) Nov 5 (good to soft). Brampton Imperial was out of first 9 of 20 to Heraldiste (level) at Yarmouth (7f) Sept 20 (soft).

RUN EASY may be good enough, Rose d'Anjou next best.

4.15: YARM HANDICAP £1,326 1m 7f 180y (15)

1 40/0000- SUPPER'S READY (Mrs M. Smith), W. Morris, 7 9-10 W. Morris (7) 3
2 02000-0 VAL CLIMBER (CD) (G. Nicholls), R. Stubbs, 7 9-6 M. Beecroft 11
3 03340-0 RED DUSTER (CD) (C. Barber-Lomax), T. Fairhurst, 5 9-5 S. Webster 10
4 000320- HALF ASLEEP (N. Hetherton), W. Elsey, 4 9-4 ... J. Lowe 6
5 040240- BONDOE (L. Keele), R. Williams, 5 9-2 ... T. Ives 1
6 400400- BOREMOND (Ld Durham), Denys Smith, 4 9-0 ... M. Fry 3
7 120000/ FASCADALE (Mrs A. Leggatt), J. FitzGerald, 11 9-0 N. Connorton 14
8 080040- TINOCO (Mrs J. Biggi), R. Hollinshead, 5 8-12 ... S. Perks 8
10 20400/2- SECRET FINALE (P. West), M. Lambert, 6 8-7 ... D. Oldham 15
11 000000/ CARNEADES (Timeform Social Club Owners Group), M. H. Easterby, 5 8-7 ... K. Hodgson 7
13 00/0000- SURPRISE ATTACK (E. Eldin), E. Eldin, 4 8-5 ... A. Mackay 2
14 030000- HYDRANGEA (W. Chapman), D. Chapman, 6 8-4 S. P. Griffiths (5) 16
15 230000/ DUSTY FARLOW (R. Morris), R. Morris, 6 8-4 S. Whitworth (3) 4
16 300000/ PATCHIT (N. Power), D. Chapman, 6 8-4 ... M. Wood 13
18 0/0000- MOSSY BELL (P. Gwynn), R. Holder, 5 8-3 ... R. Fox 5

S.P. FORECAST: 3 Red Duster, 4 Val Climber, 5 Tinoco, 13-2 Bondoe, 8 Half Asleep, 10 Secret Finale, 10 Hydrangea, 16 others.

1984: Melkeour 5 9-4 S. Cauthen 11-4F J. FitzGerald. 14 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Val Climber, 13th of 14 to Relkiaba (rec 8lb) at Doncaster (2¼m) March 22 (good to soft), was previously 7th to Path's Sister (rec 11lb) at Edinburgh (1m 7f) Nov 7 with Bondoe (rec 7lb) 11th of 13 (soft). Red Duster was 10th of 16 to Percase (gave 9lb) at Doncaster (1½m) March 21 (good to soft). Secret Finale (been hurdling) was beaten nk by Val Climber (gave 10lb) over today's course and distance Mas 2 with Hydrangea (rec 3lb) about 8l away 4th (firm). Carneades (been hurdling) was 10th of 12 to Bellamuse (gave 9lb) at Redcar (2m 115y) Sept 25, '83 (good to firm). Half Asleep (been hurdling) was beaten 11l when 5th to Willow Twig (gave 3lb) at Edinburgh (1½m) Nov 7 (soft). Surprise Attack was beaten about 9l when 6th to Brave Words (gave 5lb) at Newcastle (1½m) Oct 9 (good to soft).

SECRET FINALE is weighted to reverse placings with Val Climber

4.45: E.B.F. ORAN MAIDEN STAKES 2-Y-O £730 5f (9)

2 0 SEQUESTRATOR (G. Noon), W. Musson, 9-0 ... T. Ives 9
5 COOPER RACING NAIL (Cooper Horseshoe Nail Co. Ltd), J. Berry, 8-11 ... K. Darley 8
6 FARIDA FAIR (Mrs B. Carrington), J. W. Watts, 8-11 N. Connorton 7
7 GELINE (Lt-Col R. Wardell), M. H. Easterby, 8-11 ... M. Birch 1
9 LADY CHANTRY (T. Barron), T. Barron, 8-11 ... S. Webster 6
10 RUNNING RAINBOW (M. Brittain), M. Brittain, 8-11 B. Coogan 2
11 SANDY FURNISS (M. Watterson), J. Glover, 8-11 D. McKeown 5
13 WINDSTREAKER (J. Wiles), Denys Smith, 8-11 ... M. Fry 4
14 ZABELINIA (P. Considine), A. Jarvis, 8-11 ... T. Rogers 3

S.P. FORECAST: 2 Geline, 11-4 Farida Fair, 5 Sequestrator, 7 Running Rainbow, 10 Windstreaker, 12 others.

1984: Coded Love 8-11 C. Dwyer 6-1 K. Stone. 9 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Sequestrator was 7th of 12 to Running Edge (level) at Doncaster (5f) March 21 (good to soft). The rest are unraced, no form selection.

5.15: WHORLTON MAIDEN STAKES 3-Y-O Fillies £684 1½m 40y (7)

1 0000- BRANDON GREY (Mrs V. Coleman), Denys Smith, 8-11 M. Fry 1
2 0- CLASSIC PROFILE (R. Sangster), J. W. Watts, 8-11 B. Thomson 4
3 000000- DIAPHANTINE (BL) (R. Reynolds), J. Kettlewell, 8-11 C. Dwyer 2
4 3- DONA PERFECTA (B. Tang), K. Brassey, 8-11 S. Whitworth (3) 7
5 LUCILLE ASTIK (S. Norgate), T. Barron, 8-11 ... S. Webster 6
7 NATIONAL DRESS (A. Lavelli), R. Williams, 8-11 ... T. Ives 5
9 00- VERBADING (Mrs M. Brook), S. Norton, 8-11 ... J. Lowe 3

S.P. FORECAST: 7-4 Dona Perfecta, 3 Classic Profile, 9-2 National Dress, 6 Verbading, 10 Brandon Grey, 14 others.

1984: Kolomelskoy Palace 8-11 S. Cauthen 7-4 B. Hills. 8 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Dona Perfecta was beaten 4½l when 3rd to Ben's Surprise (rec 3lb) at Doncaster (7f) Aug 2 (good). Classic Profile was beaten 11½l when 5th of 6 to Double Sandbam (level) at Haydock (6f) July 6 (firm). Verbading was out of first 9 of 20 to Profit Pal (level) at Leicester (1m) Sept 24 (good to hard). Brandon Grey was 10th of 11 to Rainbow Vision (rec 5lb) at Ayr (7f) Sept 20 (good to soft). Diaphantine was 6th of 9 to Jacks Lass (level) at Pontefract (6f) July 25 (hard).

DONA PERFECTA has shown best public form

LEICESTER RESULTS

Going: HEAVY

2.15: KEYTHORPE MDN STKS 3-Y-O Penalty value £1,141 7f

ARCTIC GUARD, b c Home Guard—Arctic Blossom (M. Fustok) 9-0 T. Quinn ... 10-11F 1
HONEYMAN, gr c Remainder Man—Pure Honey (Mrs J. Nicolaides) 9-0 P. Robinson ... 4-1 2
SIR WILMORE, b c Good Counsel—Missy Moo (T. Upton) 8-9 G. Dickie ... 14-1 3

Also: 11-2 Elegant Fashion (4th), 12 Holland Park Boy, 25 Hideederboo, Home Front (5th), Pamela Heaney (6th), 33 Scotch Rocket, 50 Gwithin Enterprise, Head Up, Ma Mimi, Such A Shame. 13 ran. ¾l, 10l, 4l, 3l, 3l, nk. (P. Cole, Lambourn). Tote: Win, £2·00; places, £1·10, £2·20, £3·00; Dual F'cast: £2·90. SPSF: £5·35.

2.45: BESCABY MDN STKS 2-Y-O £919 5f

PARKIES BAR, b g Comedy Star—Forlorn Leap (Mrs P. Brown) 9-11 M. Miller ... 8-1 1
MEADOW MOOR, b c Comedy Star—Miss Golightly (C. Holland) 9-0 J. Reid ... 8-1 2
SITZCARRALDO, gr c Ballad Rock—Gay Nocturne (P. Davies) 9-0 A. McGlone ... 9-4F 3

Also: 9-4JF Will Emma, 6 Sharp Reply (6th), 12 Left Right (4th), 20 Ardent Partner (5th), Blue Cedar. 8 ran. 1½l, 1½l, 3l, 3l, 1½l. (R. Boss, Newmarket). Tote: Win, £4·00; places, £1·40, £3·00, £1·60; Dual F'cast: £15·70. SPSF: £41·16. NR: Sunset Ridge.

3.15: KIBWORTH CLAIMING STKS 3-Y-O £2,036 1¼m

HUNTERS FEN, b c Bonne Noel—Positioned (Mrs J. Bigg) 9-0 S. Perks ... 9-2 1
PANIOLA, br c Coded Scrap—Pipul (C. Barber-Lomax) 7-13 C. Coates 12-1 2
TANGOGNAT, b c Dance In Time—Arachra (T. Stafford) 8-7 K. Radcliffe ... 7-1 3

Also: 7-2F El Galileo (4th), 4 Barnes Star (5th), 5 Barcham Prince, 15-2 Jay-Zee Boy, 20 Parma Nova, Severn Manor (6th). 9 ran. Nk, 10l, 7l, 5l, nk. (R. Hollinshead, Upper Longdon). Tote: Win, £6·40; places, £1·50, £2·10, £4·50; Dual F'cast: £20·10. SPSF: £50·10.

3.45: GREYHOUND H'CAP £2,343 1¼m

ROCKY'S GAL, b f Oats—Mallow Isle (B. Moon) 4 8-2 R. Morse ... 4-1 1
MR MUSIC MAN, br g March Past—Merry Melody (Mrs J. Reavey) 11 9-3 J. Reid ... 13-2 2
CRADLE OF JAZZ, b g Verbatim—Louisiana (K. Brittain) 5 9-7 W. Carson ... 7-1 3

Also: 2f Arrow Beak, 12 Blondello, Redden, 14 Flodubes, Welsh Spy (5th), 16 Embyar Dan, 33 Arbian (6th), With a Lol, Speed Up, Rufcha (4th), Pat on the Back. 14 ran. 2l, 4l, 3l, 3l, sh hd. (W. Holden, Newmarket). Tote: Win, £7·10; places, £2·20, £1·60, £2·70; Dual F'cast: £5·20. SPSF: £29·14. Tricast: £159·73. NR: Eighth Wonder.

4.15: HARBOROUGH FILLIES' STKS 3-Y-O £1,439 1m

LADY EUROLINK, b f Kala Shikari—Sorata (Eurolink Computer Services Ltd) 8-8 A. McGlone ... 33-1 1
NASREEN'S PET, br f Mummy's Pet—Miss Mandy (Faiz Al-Mutawa) 8-8 G. Starkey ... 10-1 2
ON PATROL, b f Imperial Fling—Run the Risk (Mrs P. Lomas) 8-8 P. Robinson ... 5-2 3

Also: 7-4F Powder Blue, 11-2 Wren Officer (6th), 9 Martin Place (5th), 33 It Happens, Brizzi Coer (4th), Raleigh Gazelle. 9 ran. ¾l 4l, 10l, 2l, 1½l. (P. Mitchell, Epsom). Tote: Win, £20·00; places, £5·50, £3·00, £1·10; Dual F'cast: £59·10. SPSF: £268·41.

4.45: BUTLER H'CAP 3-Y-O £1,596 5f

DUCK FLIGHT, b c Decoy Boy—Chimsfield (R. Dumdool) 9-1 S. Cauthen ... 8-2 1
FORTUNE'S RING, b f Auction Ring—Up and At Lu (S. Oon) 8-10 S. Whitworth ... 4-1 2
STEVEJAN, b c Bivouac—Stick 'em Up (S. Real) 9-6 P. Robinson ... 8-1 3

Also: 9-4F Edna Lawn, 3 Hopi (4th), 7 Kaihatar (5th), 8 My Anniversary (6th), 20 Ashley House. 8 ran. 4l, 2l, 7l, 8l. (J. Douglas-Home, Wantage). Tote: Win, £3·70; places, £2·40, £1·90, £2·10; Dual F'cast: £10·70; SPSF: £25·28.

PLACEPOT: £464·45.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

CATTERICK BRIDGE

Course winners.—2.15 (7f): O I Oyston (6f, 7f), Willie Gan (5f); 3.15 (6f): Gunner Royal (6f), Triad Treble (6f), 4.15 (1m 7f 180y): Val Climber (1m 7f 180y), Red Duster (1m 7f 180y).

Leading jockeys (since March 1980).—Duffie'd 40, Ives 19, Birch 18, Nicholls 13, Perks 12, Lowe 10, Day 10, Webster 10, Charnock 7, Dwyer 7, Fry 7.

Trainers.—Prescott 20, Chapman 13, Hills 13, Hindley 12, Stoute 11, M. H. Easterby 10, O'Gorman 10, Morley 9, J. Watts 9.

BLINKERED RUNNERS

Sudden Light (3.45 Catterick Bridge) is the only horse engaged today wearing blinkers for the first time.

NORTHERN CORRESPONDENT

CATTERICK BRIDGE. 2.15: Into The Wind; 2.45: Daring Deco; 3.15: Lady Cara; 3.45: Run Easy; 4.15: Red Duster; 4.45: Zabelinia; 5.15: Perfecta (nap).

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS

All engagements (dead): Jefferson House, Heath Cottage, Achadeer, Cornbrnson, His Master's Voice, Cadge-A-Lift, Bay Busking.

HUNTINGDON CARD AND RIDERS

HOTSPUR	FORM
2.30—Kamal Siddiqi	2.30—Deep Echo
3. 0—Mount Harvard	3. 0—Macoliver
3.30—Jimmy Boy	3.30—Soixante Quinze
4. 0—Lawn-Meet	4. 0—Castle Warden
4.30—Comedian	4.30—Bucks Green
5. 0—Atrabates	5. 0—Fun Partner

Advance Official Going: SOFT

2.30: SANDY NOVICES' HURDLE (Div. I) Penalty Value £1,253 2½m (22 declared)

8 0304 Deep Echo (BF), N. Henderson, 5 10-12 J. White
11 F3-0030 Homeward, Mrs N. Smith, 5 10-12 R. Dunwoody
14 Indian Officer, Mrs M. Dickinson, 6 10-12 G. Bradley
16 P Jimmy Quickit, T. Forster, 7 10-12 H. Davies
17 P00 Jos Piper, B. Morgan, 7 10-12 G. Williams (4)
18 00233 Kamal Siddiqi, M. Lambert, 5 10-12 P. A. Charlton
19 400-0 Kashshoen, S. Wiles, 5 10-12 ... S. Charlton
20 PPP Ladbrokes Leisure, W. Kemp, 11 10-12 ... —
21 000 Motivator, M. Ryan, 5 10-12 J. McLaughlin
26 P Rymer's Son, R. Gow, 5 10-12 ... A. Webber
F. Sedgebrook Star, O. Brennan, 6 10-12 M. Brennan
28 3/P-000 Stingo, A. Moore, 6 10-12 ... G. Moore
29 0 The Papparazi, D. Thom, 5 10-12 Mr D. Murphy (4)
33 0 Double Measure, O. Sherwood, 5 10-7 Mr S. Sherwood
34 3-P0 Far Valour, M. Keenan, 5 10-7 J. Akehurst
35 00-PP0 Hopeful Chimes, Mrs J. Croft, 6 10-7 R. Dickin
38 202 Luxury, E. Carr, 6 10-7 ... S. Keightley
42 430/000 Same Date, C. V. Miller, 7 10-7 J. Suthern
47 0 Rancher, C. Thornton, 4 10-5 D. Wilkinson
48 242 Water Cannon (BF), F. Lee, 4 10-5 S. Holland
51 0F0 Saritamer Lass, T. Kersey, 4 10-0 M. Bastard
52 Binhill Lad, S. Lyons, 4 10-5 ... J. Barlow

Ladbrokes Leisure non-runner, states trainer

S.P. FORECAST: 3 Kamal Siddiqi, 4 Luxury, 9-2 Water Cannon, 11-2 Indian Officer, 7 Deep Echo, 8 Homeward, 10 Rancher, 14 others.

3.0: ELTISLEY NOVICES' 'CHASE £1,558 3m 100y (18)

2 0F3F31 Conquering, F. Winter, 7 11-8 J. Duggan (4)
3 203310 Macoliver (BL), Mrs J. Pitman, 7 11-8 P. Scudamore
4 2B1223 Mount Harvard, N. Henderson, 9 11-8 J. White
5 0P1402 Navajo Brave, J. Fitch-Heyes, 7 11-8 R. Goldstein
9 0-2040U Bank Law, F. Richards, 9 11-1 ... —
10 33P000 Barnaby Rudge, Peter Taylor, 7 11-1 M. Bastard
13 PP0P Country Circus, J. Gifford, 6 11-1 ... —
16 42044F Falkland Conqueror, G. Kindersley, 7 11-1 Mr S. Sherwood
19 F04328/ Moscar, J. Gifford, 10 11-1 ... R. Rowe
20 PPP000 Morgans Gold, P. Pritchard, 6 11-1 C. Mann
21 00UPP0 Poor Excuse, O. Henley, 10 11-1 W. Worthington (7)
24 F30433 Rastasemafalch, S. Bart, 7 11-1 Mr L. Kirkby
26 P300110 Shell Burst, F. Winter, 10 11-1 ... R. Linley
29 P03323 Tricky Business, A. Moore, 7 11-1 ... G. Moore
32 0F000-F Woodlands Genset, P. Pritchard, 7 11-1 P. Dever
35 P00022 Huntless (BF), H. Jackson, 10 10-10 ... —
38 0/4 Queen Francesca, Mrs B. Dukes, 14 10-10 Mr T. Grantham (7)
39 P/400 Waveney Wish, R. Armytage, 5 10-10 A. Webber

S.P. FORECAST: 11-4 Conquering, 7-2 Mount Harvard, 4 Macoliver, 6 Rastasemafalch, 8 Navajo Brave, 10 Falkland Conqueror, 12 Shell Burst, 14 others.

3.30: WARESLEY NOVICES' SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE £571 2m 200y (11)

2 340020 Gasool, D. Ringer, 5 11-10 ... S. McNeill
7 00/000F Easy Listening, K. Morgan, 6 11-4 S. Johnson
9 043330 Jimmy Boy, H. Beasley, 6 11-0 E. Murphy (7)
10 0020-00 Limpac Gold (BL), S. Bridge, 6 10-13 M. Pitman (4)
11 F0-P0F0 Harlow Mill, M. Pipe, 6 10-12 ... P. Leach
12 00P040 Aligned, A. Moore, 4 10-10 ... G. Moore
14 04P0 Yazeed, A. Davison, 4 11-10 S. Smith Eccles
15 304 Soixante Quinze, W. Musson, 4 10-9 C. Smith
17 P41002 Rix Woodcock, G. Kindersley, 4 10-9 A. Webber
18 03-PPF Bright Honey, B. Richmond, 5 10-7 S. Keightley
19 040 Valdamosa, T. Kersey, 4 10-6 ... M. Bastard

S.P. FORECAST: 2 Rix Woodcock, 4 Jimmy Boy, 9-2 Gasool, 5 Limpac Gold, 7 Soixante Quinze, 10 Yazeed, 12 others.

4.0: JOHN BULL BEER KIT HANDICAP 'CHASE £2,288 3m 100y (11)

1 311121 Castle Warden (CD), J. Edwards, 8 11-10 P. Barton
2 PP043P Santa Noel, J. Leigh, 9 11-5 ... S. Johnson
5 324-34P Ballydonagh, D. Nugent, 12 11-2 ... C. Mann
8 P00F0U Drumcondra, Mrs S. Taimton, 10 11-0 C. Smith
12 420F0-0 Below The Salt (CD), T. Forster, 9 10-9 H. Davies
13 PU420F Lawn Meet, N. Henderson, 10 10-9 P. Croucher (4)
15 21F0-P4 Usurping, F. Winter, 7 10-7 J. Duggan (4)
16 U33313 Prince Carlton, Mrs J. Bloom, 10 10-6 Miss C. Saunders (7)
17 FP0RPP Polar Express (C), W. King, 10 10-6 C. Warren (7)
22 0332-03 Broswyn, Mrs S. Davenport, 8 10-0 P. Scudamore
24 2-233F3 Playfields, P. Burgoyne, 11 10-0 ... B. Powell

S.P. FORECAST: 5-2 Castle Warden, 7-2 Prince Carlton, 9-2 Usurping, 5 Below The Salt, 15-2 Lawn Meet, 9 Santa Noel, 12 others.

4.30: COUNTRY MILL HANDICAP 'CHASE £1,898 2½m (14)

5 P4110-1 Master Melody (CD), W. Hackett, 14 11-7 —
6 045423 Comedian, D. Nicholson, 7 11-6 P. Scudamore
7 F22PF1 Bucks Green (D), J. Gifford, 7 11-5 (7lb ex) R. Rowe
10 230130 Fair Babu (C), S. Burt, 11 11-0 Mr L. Kirkby
11 R23/P-PP Bobtree, Miss E. Sneyd, 9 10-13 ... A. Webb
12 50F/00-0 Beau Vite, J. Chugg, 10 10-11 ... —
16 0-04PP2 Miss Wood (D), R. Robinson, 10 10-8 D. Wilkinson
18 2/02403 Cole Porter (C), M. Banks, 10 10-7 G. McCourt
22 020-PP0 Highland Linnet, G. Vergette, 8 10-3 Julia Vergette (7)
25 41-F30B Foristar (BL) (D), S. Christian, 7 10-2 K. Mooney
35 0P0430 Carouser, J. Doyle, 8 10-0 ... J. Hansen
26 F23033 Mick's Ritual, P. Felgate, 6 10-0 ... —
27 0-0PPPP Fom Farr, F. Dever, 10 10-0 ... P. Dever
28 0PP-PPP Prince Pirate (BL), O. Henley, 10 10-0 W. Worthington (7)

S.P. FORECAST: 15-8 Bucks Green, 3 Master Melody, 9-2 Comedian, 6 Fair Babu, 8 Foristar, 10 Miss Wood, 14 others.

5.0: SANDY NOVICES' HURDLE (Div. II) £1,257 2½m (22)

2 Al Punter, D. Thom, 5 10-12 Mr D. Murphy (4)
6 PP Ballinger's Folly, H. Jackson, 7 10-12 ... —
10 00/0- Charlie Hustle (BL), R. Champion, 6 10-12 Mrs J. Carrier
11 0000 Chicken Shack, B. Morgan, 6 10-12 G. Williams (4)
14 300/200 Flying Officer, M. Pipe, 8 10-12 ... P. Leach
15 80F0-33 Fun Partner, T. Forster, 6 10-12 H. Davies
16 023-400 Gee-A, J. Gifford, 6 10-12 ... R. Rowe
19 P003 Indian (BL), J. Glover, 5 10-12 D. McKeown (7)
22 Ralpaul, W. King, 5 10-12 ... R. Goldstein
24 P-0P Royal Revenge, W. Charles, 6 10-12 M. Charles
25 0235 Singlecote, Mrs P. Sly, 5 10-12 M. Bastard
26 00 St Andrew's Bay, T. Forster, 5 10-12 A. Webber
29 4 True Heritage, A. Hide, 6 10-12 ... J. Barlow
30 PP Tutor's Nephew, M. Banks, 6 10-12 G. McCourt
32 00F West Tarqlain, T. Kersey, 6 10-12 ... —
34 2 Atrabates, O. Sherwood, 5 10-7 Mr S. Sherwood
37 00 Fine Style, T. Hall, 6 10-7 ... S. J. O'Neill
38 03 Mount Nugent (BF), Mrs M. Dickinson, 5 10-7 R. Earnshaw
44 4 Derry Dancer, H. Collingridge, 4 10-5 B. Hutchinson
48 00 Joshing, R. Spicer, 4 10-5 ... F. Lacey
50 00 Go'den Bunting, R. Voorspuy, 4 10-0 R. Rowell
51 Lady Seville, Rex Carter, 4 10-0 ... —

S.P. FORECAST: 3 Fun Partner, 4 Singlecote, 5 Mount Nugent, 6 Atrabates, 8 Gee-A, 10 Al Punter, 12 Indian, Derry Dancer, 16 others.

Rest of yesterday's racing results

SANDOWN PARK

Going: HEAVY

2.30 (2½m 68y 'ch): Ballyross (M. Pitman, 100-30F) 1; Cooc Na Cuille (E. Murphy, 8-1) 2; Bright Oasis (A. Jones, 4-1) 3. Also: 7-2 Shrewd Operator (f), 5 Stanton (f), 7 Mr Peacock (f), 14 Tower Moss (p.u.), 25 Haida (p.u.), Mood Music. 9 ran. 1l, 1½l, 12l. (T. Forster, Wantage.) Tote: Win, £3·90; places, £1·40, £1·70, £1·60; Dual F'cast: £15·70. SPSF: £25·27. Tricast: £56·78. NR: Buck and Wing.

3.0 (2½m 68y 'ch): Further Thought (Mr T. Thomson Jones, 5-4F) 1; Royal Judgement (Mr P. Hacking, 11-8) 2; Jack Of All Trades (Mr A. Hill, 8-1) 3. Also: 20 Clayside (f), Marnik, 50 Easter Tide (p.u.), 66 Ruxxon, 100 Good Action (4th), Josmoll, Old Castle Line (5th), Proper Arenig (6th). 12 ran. 10l, 20l, 30l, 5l, 6l. (Mrs V. Bergh, Ludlow.) Tote: Win, £2·00; places, £1·10, £1·20, £1·50; Dual F'cast: £1·70. SPSF: £5·06. NR: Turqogan View.

3.30 (2½m 68y 'ch): Clutterbuck (J. Francome, 7-2) 1; Claude Monet (R. Earnshaw, 8-1) 2; Czech Flame (R. Rowe, 100-30) 3. Also: 11-8F Rossleier, 12 Galway (p.u.), 25 Vale of Weimo (p.u.). 6 ran. 6l, 3l, 8l. (F. Winter, Lambourn.) Tote: Win, £3·00; places, £1·30, £1·30; Dual F'cast: £6·50. SPSF: £25·48. NRs: Leira Hill Fiver, Notorie.

4.0 (3m 118y 'ch): Turn Blue (Mr G. Oxley, 7-2) 1; Almighty Zeus (Capt H. Brown, 10-1) 2; Lawrence Rambler (Mr C. Summ, 2-1F) 3. Also: 4 Dr Planet (5th), 14 Laurel Hill (p.u.), Rushbury (4th), The Gunner Man (p.u.), 20 Trust Row, 25 Sandy Lee, 33 Colonel Le (f), Tour Power (6th), Gav Trb, Forza Del Destino (f), Mountain Lad, Letterbox (p.u.). 15 ran. 20l, 12l, 15l, 1½l, 8l. (R. Champion, Bury St Edmunds.) Tote: Win, £2·80; places, £1·70, £3·00, £1·50; Dual F'cast: £9·10. SPSF: £36·46. NR: First Glance.

4.35 (3m 118y 'ch): Dumper (J. Francome, 5-1) 1; Mount Oliver (M. Williams, 6-4F) 2; Sommelier (A. Webber, 2-1) 3. Also: 4 Bright Dream. 4 ran. ¾l, 1½l, 1½l. (F. Winter, Lambourn.) Tote: Win, £5·20; Dual F'cast: £5·10. SPSF: £12·05. NR: Broadheath.

5.5 (2m 18y 'ch): Toirdealbhach (J. Francome, 7-2) 1; Lulav (P. Scudamore, 10-1) 2; Midnight Song (R. Dunwoody, 11-4F) 3. Also: 3 St William (f), 7 Romany Nightshade (6th), 9 Left Bank, 14 River Rhein (5th), 20 Ragafan (4th). 8 ran. 10l, 20l, 5l, 10l, 1l. (P. O'Connor, Ticknall.) Tote: Win, £4·20; places, £1·50, £1·25, £1·60. Dual F'cast: £24·30. SPSF: £52·... PLACEPOT: £11·10. JACKPOT: £669·45.

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Going: SOFT

2.0 (1½m): Joedale (P. Bucke, 12-1) 1; Tour d'eForce (B. Fahey, 9-2) 2; Gas On Lad (D. Leadbitter, 10-1) 3. Also: 4JF Aemaiwi (4th), Skyboor (5th), 6 Sunapa's Owlet, 10 Ferrero Rocher, Kalyoub, 16 Esteem (6th). 9 ran. 2l, nk, 8l, 3l, 10. (M. Lambert, Malton.) Tote: Win, £17·10; places, £3·10, £1·40, £2·90; Dual F'cast: £13·30. SPSF: £58·81.

2.30 (1m): Open All Hours (K. Darley, 9-1) 1; Argyll Major (M. Fry, 10-1) 2; Silent Journey (N. Connorton, 10-1) 3. Also: 7-4F Copper Express (4th), 9-2 Silver Prospect, 6 Ludford, 9 Forlaurin (6th), 10 Thirteenth Friday, 12 Carol's Music, Contact Kelvin (5th). 10 ran. 1½l, 5l, ¾l, 1½l, 2½l. (J. Berry, Cockerham.) Tote: Win, £4·90; places, £3·30, £2·60, £3·80; Dual F'cast: £42·40. SPSF: £93·37. NR: Meating.

3.0 (1m 5f): Ribbons Of Blue (N. Connorton, 7-1) 1; Bellydurrow (K. Darley, 7-1) 2; Gennaro (B. Johnson, 12-1) 3. Also: 5-2F Path's Sister, 7 The Small Miracle (4th), Prince Santiago, Marlion, 10 Jubilant Lady, 16 A T S Prince (6th), 25 Cool Jamie. 10 ran. 2l, 5l, ¾l, 3l, 1½l. (J. W. Watts, Richmond.) Tote: Win, £4·30; places, £1·30, £2·50, £3·30; Dual F'cast: £50·00; SPSF: £48·99; Tricast: £519·36. NR: Oceanus.

3.30 (6f): John Gilpin (K. Darley, 11-2) 1; Parade Girl (S. P. Griffiths, 25-1) 2; Laure's Choice (N. Connorton, 20-1) 3. Also: 15-8F Amarco (6th), 5 Mohur (5th), 11-2 Seeb (4th), 16 Miss Gorsevere, Favourtism, 20 Always Native, Nigel's Rock, Romar Maid. 11 ran. 2½l, 1½l, 3l, 10l, 5l. (R. Stubbs, Middleham.) Tote: Win £5·00; places, £1·80, £2·10, £3·20; Dual F'cast: £49·90. SPSF: £109·11.

4.0 (5f): Foolish Touch (C. Dwyer, 2-1) 1; Tame Affair (G. Brown, 5-2) 2; Miss Octavian (M. Birch, 8-1) 3. Also: Duffer's Dancer, 8 Hilary Girl (6th), 10 Popplewick Lady (5th), 14 Swing Free, 20 Philip (4th), Enchanted Lady. 9 ran. 1l, nk, 1½l, hd. (K. Stone, Malton.) Tote: Win £2·60; places, £1·10, £1·40, £1·90; Dual F'cast: £7·00. SPSF: £10·35.

4.30 (5f): The Hillside Club (M. Birch, 6-4F) 1; Shelley's Return (T. Rogers, 9-4) 2; K O Island (K. Darley, 4-1) 3. Also: 7 Carousel Rocket, 14 Salvina Fandango (4th). 5 ran. 2½l, 3l, 2½l. 25l. (M. McCormack, Wantage.) Tote: Win, £2·40; places, £1·60, £1·10; Dual F'cast, £3·40; SPSF: £5·05.

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Boat Race—April 6 (2.45 p.m.)

CAMBRIDGE PADDLE —OXFORD SPURT

By GEOFFREY PAGE

CAMBRIDGE were still suffering from sickness yesterday, though it was the president, John Garrett, rather than the earlier invalid, Broughton, who was out of the boat when they were on the water at Putney in the afternoon.

Garrett's place at seven was taken by Ewan Pearson, who rowed for Cambridge for the last three years, and the work was consigned to some quiet paddling, the crew going only as far as Hammersmith Bridge before turning and paddling back.

Garrett has apparently nothing more serious than a heavy cold and may be fit enough to row today.

Oxford were out with Eton in the morning and the two crews paddled up together to Barnes Bridge before turning. Oxford put in occasional bursts of rowing, and one piece at 40 was particularly impressive.

Impressive pace

On the return journey, the crews undertook a "pyramid" of half a minute, one minute, and-a-half minutes, two minutes and down again, but Oxford, at rates of 33-34, were far too fast for the boys.

On one occasion, Oxford gained a length in 20 strokes, and on another eliminated Eton's two-and-a-half length start in 48 strokes, and since Eton were second in last week's Schools Head, this represented real pace by Oxford.

Oxford then tried some starts on their own, reaching rates of 41-42, and again the boat accelerated well. The work was generally solid, though a slight problem seems to stem from Lang at seven, who has trouble completely feathering.

In the afternoon, they were out on the top of the tide and in the absence of the A R A squad eight, rowed a two-minute piece on their own and then took on their reserves, Isis, rowing for five minutes from Craven Cottage.

Oxford, uncharitably, gave Isis only a canvas start, but on the outside of the bend it took them 19 strokes to draw level. They then forged away at 33 to finish five lengths ahead—to end a satisfactory day's work.

Today's outings: Oxford 9.30 & 4 (with Thames) & Cambridge 10 & 3.

Mike Gratton, who won the London Marathon in 1983.

The crews

OXFORD.—G. J. Cartledge (Hampton/New College) bow, C. L. Richmond (St Edward's/Christ Church), B. M. Philp (Bryanston/Downing & Worcester), A. M. S. Thomas (Winchester/Pembroke), P. M. Hare (St Albans/Balliol), G. R. D. Jones (Sydney Univ/New), W. J. Lang (Wallingford/Magdalen), E. M. Reininger (Pennsylvania Univ/University) stroke, S. R. Lesser (Princeton Univ/Magdalen) cox.

CAMBRIDGE.—J. S. Wilter (Pangbourne/St Catharine's) bow, M. L. Pasternak (Bradford GS/Magdalene), J. D. Hughes (Bedford Modern/Downing), P. H. Broughton (Southampton Univ/Magdalene), S. M. Peel (Kings's Chester/Downing), G. A. Barnard (Lakefield Coll School, Canada/Robinson), J. L. Garrett (Shrewsbury/St John's), J. M. Pritchard (St Clement Danes/Robinson) stroke, H. L. Shaw (Harrogate/St John's) cox.

Motor Rallying

WELSH BACKING

The International Welsh Rally, which will be centred on Cardiff from May 3-5, is to be sponsored by Shell U.K. Oil.

Gratton ready to recapture crown

By KEN MAYS

MIKE GRATTON, from Kent, now free from injury, will be all out to recapture his title when he takes part in the London Marathon, sponsored by Mars, on April 21.

Gratton, 27, who won the race in 1983 in 2 hours 9 minutes 43 seconds, dropped the title last year to Charlie Spedding, who eventually went on to collect the Olympic bronze medal in Los Angeles.

Spedding will be defending his title this year, but Gratton, a Kent Invicta runner, has now recovered from the back injury that devastated his performance in 1984 and he has been averaging 112 miles a week in training over the past three months.

Cliff Temple, Gratton's coach, is hoping for a double this time with Sarah Rowell, from Dartford, competing despite an injury scare during the earlier part of the season.

Miss Rowell ran 2hr 31min. 28sec. last year, a good time, so with many of her leading rivals taking part in the World Cup marathon meeting in Hiroshima at the same time she is now among the favourites for the women's gold.

Mike McLeod, the Olympic silver medallist, has been forced to withdraw from the Arrow-sponsored Newcastle City five-mile road race tonight because of injury.

David Lewis, from Accrington, England's best finisher in Sunday's world cross-country championships in 18th place, is taking part

Women's Hockey

MET POLICE TOPPLED BY MERSEYSIDE

By NANCY TOMKINS

METROPOLITAN Police lost their national title to Merseyside in the Police Women's hockey championship in torrential rain at Northampton yesterday.

Met Police were denied victory when Sheila McAdams's second goal for Merseyside two minutes from ordinary time forced a 2-2 draw, and Merseyside went on to win on penalty strokes.

Mary Lea and Debbie Jones (penalty corner) hit the Met's goals: no score came in extra time.

Slight consolation for the Met Police lay in their unexpectedly winning the first NatWest Surrey League finals 2-1 against Cheam at Norbury at the weekend. Lea hit the Met's winning goal.

RUGBY FIVES

NAT. CLUB COMP.—Final (Roehampton): Manchester YMCA bt O. Tonbridians 105-59.

SIMPSON'S SKILL ON THE LINE

By Our Bowls Correspondent

BOWLS takes an important forward step at the Morrison Centre, Darlington, today when Brian Duncan and Cliff Simpson launch the Croft Original British Open.

Twelve players from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, plus two Crown Green champions, have been selected.

Jim Hobday and Simpson make up the 16 by competitive success as winner and runner-up of this month's English Bowls Player Association Championship.

That final was more important than it may seem. There is widespread fear of open bowls following the original lawn tennis system in which players were invited on name rather than results. Now, by joining the E B P A and reaching the final of its championship, entry is automatically open.

Burrows happy

Joe Burrows, the great driving force of the north-east, is among those who are satisfied. He said: "I can see this setting up a queue of players joining the E B P A."

Duncan, a Crown Green champion, has improved greatly in the flat green game. Simpson, an England international, will need all his skills but the easy pace of the green makes for centimetre accuracy and this may tell.

Schools Soccer

Harrow unbeaten for third year

By OUR SCHOOLS SOCCER CORRESPONDENT

UNDEFEATED for the third successive year, Harrow have completed their short season and will be welcoming back seven of the present team for the next campaign. Four members are to play for the Lent Term Schools XI which meet Kent Schools at Brentwood.

Hampered by early injuries to Hill and Francis the Millfield strikers, Public Schools played constructively, but lost 1-4 in their annual fixture against a skilful F A Youth X I.

A goal by J. Chater gave **John Lyon** victory over **St Dominic's**, while **Dr Challenor's G S**, having recently defeated **Herschel H S** and **Queens College**, narrowly lost 1-0 to **Luton Sixth Form College** after a fast and entertaining game.

Westminster City were no match for Dr Challenor's and lost 1-6, but **Latymer Upper**, although playing fluently and dominating the match, were held to 1-1 by **K C S Wimbledon**. Hillon almost snatched victory for Latymer, but his last-second shot was cleared off the line.

Emson prominent

Hereford and Worcester Under-19s have qualied for the final of the South-West Region Championship for the first time. With K. Emson, an England Under-18 representative, prominent, they have only dropped one point in their league programme and in six matches have conceded two goals.

In the quarter-final replay of the E S F A Gillette Trophy Inter-Association competition, **Doncaster** and **Southampton** fought out a 5-5 result, after extra time. The eventual winners play **Stockport** in the semi-finals.

It took penalties for **Kingsfield** to beat **Chipping Sodbury** in the Under-16 Northavon Schools Cup, after they had drawn 1-1; **Northants** beat **Lincolnshire** 5-2 in the B H S Trophy; and **Avon** won 1-0 against **Cornwall** in the South-West Under-19 Championship.

Centenary Shield

Before last Saturday's England Under-18 programme a representative Under-18 team played a U A U XI. After 20 minutes A. Marland put the schoolboys ahead, but M. Thompson capitalised on a poor back pass to equalise.

This season's first Under-18 international — an invitation match — is against Scotland at Barnsley F C on Saturday. The Centenary Shield fixture is to be played at Dundee on Thursday, April 4.

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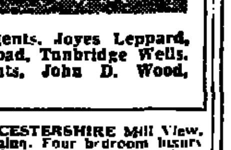

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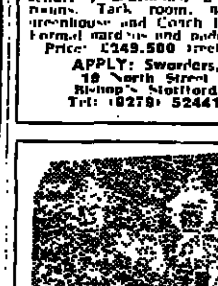

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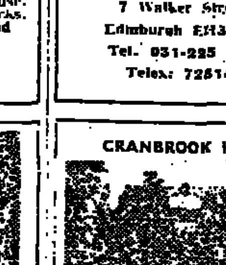

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Rugby Commentary

IRISH WILL SEE ENGLAND'S TRUE WORTH

By JOHN MASON

THE extent of England's recovery, such as it is, will be rigorously examined by high-flying Ireland in Dublin on Saturday. The prize for an Irish victory is the Five Nations' championship and the Triple Crown.

If Ciaran Fitzgerald, Ireland's captain, whose resilience is exceeded only by his determination, could have written the script himself, he would have been hard-pressed to have set a more worthy climax.

The match was originally scheduled for Jan. 19 until a snowstorm blanketted Dublin within hours of England's arrival on the Thursday. So instead of *tackling them first*, Ireland complete their season with a mighty tilt at English windmills.

Fitzgerald, who is about to win his 21st cap, leads his country for the 15th time. As he also had charge of the Lions in the four internationals in New Zealand in 1983, he is by far the most experienced of the national captains.

Personal achievement, though, even when the slings and arrows were falling with devilish rapidity on the 1983 tour, has not obsessed Fitzgerald. He left that to inaccurate though persistent critics with closed minds.

Not even the most purblind could deny, assuming the desire is to present a comprehensive canvas, that Fitzgerald fulfils in Irish rugby the comparable role to which Bill Beaumont grew with such distinction on England's behalf.

Major figure

The truth of the matter is that Commandant Ciaran Fintan Fitzgerald, aide-de-campe to President Hillery, is, and has been from an early point in his playing career, not only a major contemporary figure in Irish rugby but also with the game worldwide.

England go to Dublin tomorrow with every intent of ensuring that Fitzgerald's powers of leadership are tested to the full. To do that England' splayers *must create a further* upset in a winter of surprises—whitewash one season, the title the next, or vice-versa.

Three points from two Championship matches—the draw with France, the win over Scotland—sounds more than passable in English terms. *But even the* most cursory examination, I suggest, discloses fragile threads.

How have England obtained their championship points from *the two matches, both at Twickenham?* An intelligent never-say-die tackle by Richard Harding on Patrick Esteve over the try-line against France is one answer.

Harding's commonsense (and defiance) brought the draw, *though all would accept that the* long penalty goal by Andrew at the end could be rated in the same way. Against Scotland, though, a different set of circumstances existed, which were absolutely defensive.

Rory Underwood managed, *with the added impetus of Simon* Smith's tackle, to jiggle the ball from Iain Paxton's grasp as he was about to ground it for the match-winning try in the final *seconds. Underwood had run in*goal from the distant touch to get there, too.

Defensive acts

Two quick-*thinking* bold defensive acts, therefore, would seem to be the basis of England's hopes to stop Ireland on Saturday, two remarkable tackles at or over the try-line that have *permitted England* not to travel to Dublin in bottom place.

The assessment does not seek to denigrate England or to underestimate what Ireland must do to become the 1984-85 European champions.

I attempt to be realistic, besides suggesting that matches between the Home Unions of late reflect a similarity of playing standards neither bad nor good.

Big decisions

In what has been a week of momentous decisions, bearing in mind the far-reaching matters which came before the International Board at the annual meeting, it is salutory to realise that, on the evidence available, the Southern Hemisphere will dominate world *competition*.

It is likely that the Irish R F U—voting figures were not disclosed—will not have viewed the forthcoming World Cup with great enthusiasm.

If, as is likely, Commandant Fitzgerald leads Ireland to vic*tory again this Saturday*, even those with entrenched views will have second thoughts.

Paul and Nicola Way shelter under an umbrella at rain-swept Sunningdale on what proved to be a miserable day in more ways than one for the couple who were beaten in the second round.

ROSSLYN PARK RESULTS

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Windsor 6, Chichester 16—Campion 10, Austin Friars 0.

St Edward's, Liverpool 16, Chichester 0—Windsor 0, Campion 30.

Sir Wm Borlase 18, Whitehaven 30—Nottingham 16, St Mary's and St Joseph 0.

Bishop Wand 0, Durham 28—Chislehurst & Sidcup 10, King's Macclesfield 12.

John Fisher 16, Wirral 0—Aylesbury 20, Duke of York's 6.

Chichester 12, Campion 16—Austin Friars 0, St Edwards, Liverpool 18.

Group B: Nottingham 18, Gunnersbury 0—St Mary's & St Joseph's 6, Sir Wm Borlase 0—Whitehaven 4, Gunnersbury 19—Sir Wm Borlase 4, Nottingham 30.

Nottingham 16, Whitehaven 0—St Mary & St Joseph 15, Gunnersbury 4.

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Group C: Chislehurst & Sidcup 12, Maidstone 4—King's, Macclesfield 12, Bishop Wand 3—Durham 11, Maidstone 4—Bishop Wand 4, Chislehurst & Sidcup 30.

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Group D: Aylesbury 10, Royal Belfast A.I. 0—Duke of York's 4, John Fisher 4—Wirral 10, Royal Belfast A.I. 3—John Fisher 0, Aylesbury 24.

Aylesbury 12, Wirral 0—Duke of York's 0, Royal Belfast A.I. 4.

Group E: Beverley 0, Judd 32—Magnus 13, Emanuel 0—West Park 8, Judd 6—Emanuel 6, Beverley 12.

Beverley 0, West Park 34—Magnus 4, Judd 22.

Emanuel 4, West Park 34—Beverley 4, Magnus 0.

Group F: Broxbourne 0, Newcastle-u-Lyme 24—Eltham Coll. 16, Hereford CS 0—St Joseph's, Ipswich 8, Newcastle-u-Lyme 0—Hereford CS 13, Broxbourne 0.

Broxbourne 0, St Joseph's, Ipswich 40—Eltham Coll. 14, Newcastle-u-Lyme 4.

Hereford CS 4, St Joseph's, Ipswich 18—Broxbourne 0, Eltham Coll 34.

Group G: Hampton 8, Normanton 18—Sevenoaks 4, Llandovery 30—Cheshunt 0, Normanton 12—Llandovery 16, Hampton 10.

Hampton 4, Cheshunt 12—Sevenoaks 0, Normanton 10.

Plymouth 16, St Anselm's 6—Bassaleg 30, King Henry VIII, Coventry 0.

St Bees 20, Poynton 0—King's, Worcs 30, King William, IoM 6.

Reigate 20, Card'nal Wiseman 0—Queen Elizabeth 0, Latymer Upper 10. City of London F. 20, St Bede's 6—Belmont A 10, Merchant Taylors' 4. Ampleforth 42, Newport Free GS 0—Solihull 6, London Oratory 6.

Llandovery 28, Cheshunt 0—Hampton 8, Sevenoaks 0.

Group H: Plymouth 12, King Henry VIII, Coventry 0—Bassaleg 30, Wm Ellis 0—St Anselm's 8, King Henry VIII, Coventry 4—Wm Ellis 0, Plymouth 30.

St Anselm's wo, Wm Ellis, scr—Plymouth 0, Bassaleg 10.

Group I: St Bees 18, King William IoM 4—King's, Worcester 20, Mount St Marys 0—Poynton 4, King William IoM 8—Mount St Mary's 4, St Bees 22. Mount St Mary's 15, Poynton 8—St Bees 0, King's, Worcester 24.

Group J: Reigate 26, Latymer Upper 0—Queen Elizabeth 10, RGS, High Latymer Upper 12—RGS, High Wycombe 0, Reigate 10.

RGS High Wycombe 34, Cardinal Wiseman 0—Reigate 28, Queen Elizabeth 0.

Group K: City of London F 4, Merchant Taylor's 12—Belmont A 16, Sir Thomas Picton 0—St Bede's 0, Merchant Taylors' 0—Sir Thomas Picton 0, City of London F 18.

Sir Thomas Picton 12, St Bede's 6—City of London F 0, Belmont A 22—St Bede's 0, Belmont A 34—Merchant Taylors' 10, Sir Thomas Picton 4.

Group L: Ampleforth 18, London Oratory 10—Solihull 0, Ellesmere 14—Newport Free GS 0, London Oratory 22—Ellesmere 0, Ampleforth 26.

Ellesmere 6, Newport Free GS 6—Ampleforth 34, Solihull 0—Newport Free GS 20, Solihull 6—London Oratory 4, Ellesmere 10.

Group M: Tiffin 4, Warwick 20—Wimbledon 6, Rhyd Felen 21—St Mary's, Liverpool 16, Warwick 0—Rhyd Felen 30, Tiffin 4.

Rhyd Felen 22, St Mary's, Liverpool 6—Tiffin 0, Wimbledon 16—St Mary's, Liverpool 10, Wimbledon 8—Warwick 6, Rhyd Felen 22.

Tiffin 8, St Mary's, Liverpool 12—Wimbledon 10, Warwick 22.

Group N: Stonyhurst 12, Neath Coll 19—King Edward VI, Nuneaton 12, Rutlish 13—Truro 6, Neath College 22—Rutlish 0, Stonyhurst 18.

Rutlish 10, Truro 10—Stonyhurst 26, King Edward VI, Nuneaton 0—Truro 8, King Edward VI Nuneaton 4—Neath Coll 28, Rutlish 0.

Stonyhurst 8, Truro 4—King VI, Nuneaton 6, Neath College 24.

Group O: Cwmtawe 4, Wrekin 0—Birkenhead 14, St Olave's 10—Cowley 8, Tasker Milward 12—Royal GS, Guildford 28, St Edmunds 4—Verulam 24, Wrekin 6—St Olave's 6, Cwmtawe 12.

St Olave's 8, Verulam 15—Cwmtawe 0, Birkenhead 14.

Cwmtawe 12, Verulam 6—Birkenhead 20, Wrekin 0.

Group P: St Benedict's 14, Tasker Milward 6—St Edmund's 6, Cowley 20. Verulam 0, Birkenhead 18—Wrekin 6, St Olave's 18—St Benedict's 0, Royal GS, Guildford 4—Tasker Milward 2, St Edmund's 8—St Edmund's 6, St Benedict's 8—Cowley 4, Royal GS Guildford 30.

Cowley 14, St Benedict's 0—Royal GS, Guildford 15, Tasker Milward 6.

Group Q: Millfield 18, St George's, Harpenden 0—Manchester GS 0, St Ffeyds 20—Nunthorpe 24, St George's, Harpenden 0—St Illtyd's 0, Millfield 28.

St Illtyd's 12, Nunthorpe 8—Millfield 22, Manchester GS 0—Nunthorpe 12, Manchester GS 4—St George's, Harpenden 6, St Illtyd's 12.

Millfield 4, Nunthorpe 0—Manchester GS 14, St George's, Harpenden 8.

Groups O-1 complete their matches this morning.

National Schools Rugby Sevens

Millfield look good for another title

By VICTOR SWAIN

MILLFIELD, winners of the open event three times in the past five years, emerged once again as strong challengers when the Rosslyn Park national schools sevens opened yesterday.

A formidable, talented and experienced side, they have already won five sevens titles — Gowerton, Taunton, Clifton, Surrey and Oxford — in their run-up to this tournament at Roehampton.

In their four games, they scored 62 points without reply, the hardest and closest match being against Nunthorpe, only a corner try separating the sides.

Ampleforth achieved the highest total of the day, with 120 points to nil from their four games.

Heavy and persistent rain, which turned the pitches into a sea of mud and favoured the physically stronger teams, marred the opening day.

Wet weather tactics, with liberal use of the boot to gain ground, was the sanest method of making progress. Handling and passing were something of a lottery for even the most confident and talented sides.

Some 260 schools playing more than 540 matches are taking part in the four-day tournament, sponsored for the third successive year by Tandem Computers.

London Foursomes

RAIN CAUSES FOURS CHAOS AT HINDHEAD

By ELIZABETH PRICE

RAIN caused chaos on the first day of the Ladies' London Foursomes at Hindhead.

Two rounds were supposed to be played, but only a few of the first-round matches were over before the persistent downpour flooded the greens and the plays were called in.

After a two-hour delay and much hard work by the green staff under Bert Cade, who cut new holes, competitors returned to resume play and the first round was able to be completed.

This all means that an extra day will be required to finish the tournament, and Hindhead have agreed to the final being played on Friday.

Four clubs did not want to go out after the rain stopped and conceded their matches. Among those to benefit from this was Harpenden, runners-up last year.

LADIES' LONDON FOURSOMES (Hindhead).—1st Rd: Liphook bt West Sussex 8 & 7; Hindhead wo East Berks, scr 7; W Byfleet bt Army GC 20th. Banstead Downs bt Berks 4 & 2; Hankley Common bt Temple 19th; Thorndon Pk bt Surbiton 7 & 6; St George's Hill bt Sandy Lodge 2 up; East Herts bt Tyrrells Wood 5 & 4; Moor Pk bt N Hants 5 & 4; Crowborough Beacon bt Purley Downs 5 & 4; Calcot Pk bt Ealing 5 & 4; Gerrards Cross wo West Herts, scr; Porters Pk wo Haywards Heath scr.

Walton Hth bt Ryl Wimbledon at 20th; Sonning wo from W. Surrey, scr; Maidenhead bt Knebworth 3 & 2; Thorne Hall bt Harewood Downs 2 & 1; Reading bt Sunningdale 2 & 1; Rochford Hundred bt Stoke Poges 4 & 2; Ryl Mid Surrey bt Chislehurst 2 up; Mannings Hth bt Langley Park 2 & 1; Woodcote Park bt Stanmore 4 & 3; Nevill wo from Hampstead scr; Wentworth bt Roehampton 4 & 3; Coombe Hill wo from Shirley Park scr; Harpenden wo from Effingham scr; Pinner Hill bt Bramley, 1 hole; Beaconsfield bt *Burnham Beeches 5 & 4*; Ashridge bt Bishops Stortford 3 & 2; Tandridge bt Elsenborough 4 & 3; Worplesdon bt Hadley Wood 1 up; Ashford Manor bt Chelmsford 20th.

Real Tennis

ANGUS & WARD GO THROUGH

By ROB McLEAN

The hard hitting of Willie Boone and Mark Nicholls could not upset the style of Howard Angus and John Ward in yesterday's second round of the George Wimpey Amateur Real Tennis Singles Championship at Queen's Club, West Kensington.

Angus easily defeated Boone in straight sets, after the world rackets champion, in his own inimitable style, had crashed his way to within a point of 4-4 in the first set.

Angus now meets Ward in tomorrow's semi-finals, while the holder, Alan Lovell, faces Julian Snow, the Under-24 champion.

2nd Rd: A. C. Lovell wo J. S. Male, scr; J. P. Snow wo P. G. Seabrook, scr; J. D. Ward bt M. W. Nicholls 6-3, 6-2, 6-1; H. R. Angus bt W. R. Boone 6-3, 6-0, 6-2.

M. Becarra bt V. Sims 7-6, 4-6, 6-1; J. Langstaff bt B. Welt 6-4, 6-3.

RACKETS

PUBLIC SCHOOLS DOUBLES CH'SHIPS (Queen's Club). — Prof. Ascn 2nd Pairs Cup, 1st rd: Haileybury bt Winchester 16-14, 6-15, 12-15, 15-2, 18-16, 15-4; Tonbridge bt Clifton 15-7, 15-1, 4-15, 15-3, 15-11; Harrow bt Marlborough 15-8, 15-4, 15-10, 15-9.

COLTS U-16. — 1st rd: Eton bt Charterhouse scr; Wellington bt Rugby 18-13, 18-13, 15-10; Malvern bt Winchester 11-15, 15-8, 16-4, 16-6; Haileybury bt Marlborough 3-15, 15-7, 18-15, 18-13.

PETER GRAY CUP (U-15).—1st rd: Harrow bt Winchester 15-12, 14-16, 16-6, 15-7; Rugby bt Wellington 15-1, 15-10, 15-8.

RUGBY FIXTURES

RUGBY UNION.—Club (7): Aberavon v Bristol; Abertillery v Met Police; Cheltenham v Bath (7.15); Cross Keys v Maesteg; Ebbw Vale v Swansea; Nuneaton v Coventry (7.15); Plymouth Alb. v Ryl Navy (7.30); Pontypool v Bridgend. Representative: Surrey Clubs v Combined London OB (Raynes Park, 5). Cornwall Cup, Semi-final: Penzance-Newlyn v St Ives (6.30). Bass Merit Table: Bridgwater v Clifton; Taunton v Brixham. Devon Merit Table "A": Crediton v Sidmouth. Schools: Rosslyn Park Nat. Sevens (10). International: England U-16 v Italy U-16 (Twickenham, 2.15).

RUGBY LGE.—Slalom Lager Ch'ship (7.30): Hunslet v Hull K.R.; Widnes v Halifax. Div. 2: Dewsbury v Bridgend (8); Rochdale v Whitehaven (7.45).

SCHWEPPES SCOTTISH

Div. I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kelso	12	10	0	2	374	96	20
Hawick	10	10	0	0	358	104	20
Heriot's	12	9	0	3	217	140	18
Boroughmuir	12	8	0	4	214	150	16
Stewart/Mel	12	7	0	5	211	159	14
Gala	10	6	0	4	180	185	12
Edin Ac	12	6	0	6	134	176	12
Selkirk	11	5	1	5	121	164	11
Watsonians	12	4	0	8	138	241	8
W of Scot	11	3	0	8	123	189	6
Ayr	12	3	0	9	109	219	6
Jedforest	11	2	1	8	107	176	5
Melrose	10	2	1	7	84	175	5
Glasgow Ac	11	2	1	8	121	320	5

LAWN TENNIS

INT WOMEN'S T'MENT (Sao Paulo, Brazil).—Final: M. Paz (Argentina) bt L. Arraya (Peru) 5-7, 6-1, 6-4.

Stringer returns for Twickenham final

NICK STRINGER, who tore ankle ligaments in England's victory over Rumania on Jan. 5, returns to representative rugby as Middlesex's full-back against Notts, Lincs & Derbys in the Thorn E M I County Championship final at Twickenham on April 13, writes **John Mason**.

Had the final been played this Saturday, as originally arranged, Stringer's match-fitness would have been in doubt, though he has had a couple of junior games at Wasps. The new date was necessary because of international postponements.

Stringer has got as far as the Vandals, the second team, this Saturday and will accompany the first team on the Easter tour of Cornwall where he will play at *least one match*. Middlesex have training sessions next Monday and on April 10.

The Wasps have seven representatives in the side and supply five more, including Paul Rendall, who has played on England's loosehead, for the replacements' *bench. The current* internationals are Simon Smith, the right wing, and David Cooke, the captain and open-side flanker.

Rees hopeful

Gary Rees, the player Cooke succeeded in England's team, expects to be fit to rejoin the Notts, Lincs & Derbys backrow. He was hurt in the John Player Special Cup match with London Welsh on Feb. 23. The team will be announced on Monday.

MIDDLESEX (v. Notts, Lincs & Derbys).—N. Stringer; S. Smith, R. Cardus (Wasps), A. Thompson (Harlequins), M. Williams; H. Davies (Wasps), I. George (London Welsh); P. Curtis, J. Olver (Harlequins), M. Hobley (Wasps), A. Ripley (Rosslyn Park), N. Roberts (Harlequins), K. Moss (Wasps), D. Cooke capt., C. Butcher (Harlequins).

Replacements. — S. O'Reilly, M. Boyd, J. Cullen; P. Rendall (Wasps), G. Rees (Old Gaytonians), C. Pinnegar (Wasps).

Schools International

STIFF MATCH FOR ENGLAND

By Our Schools Rugby Correspondent

ENGLAND, whose 16 *Group* side meet Italy at Twickenham this afternoon, face a far harder task than they had against Holland last Sunday.

On that occasion in Hilversum England won 56-0, including seven tries. But Italy are expected to provide strong opposition, for they won the corresponding match last season 14-9.

The event is *sponsored* by Phillips Petroleum, who have supported the home *internationals* of the 16 and 18 Groups for the past 10 years.

ENGLAND.—S. Locke (Sainbridge, Gloucester); C. Harwood (Edwards), J. Wilson (Queen's, Taunton), S. Mees (Kings, Worcester), D. Smith (Guisley); S. Painter (Kings, Taunton), B. Fealey (Cheltenham GS); A. Sharp (Henbury, Bristol), A. Heitherington (Bernard Castle), P. Drew (Richard Lander, Truro), M. Ellis (Lutterworth GS), J. Hornbin (Ryl Forest of Dean GS), R. Pool-Jones (Mings, Macclesfield), L. Conway (Dame Allen's, Newcastle upon Tyne), D. Edwards (Tunbridge Wells GS). Replacements: P. Smith (Rossall), M. Burman (Bedford Modern), N. Godfrey (Christs Hospital), J. Emmerson (Leicester GS), A. Wills (Silcoates, Wakefield), D. Dooley (Campion, Hornchurch).

At 18 Group level, more than 20 of England's possibles were seen on Sunday at Roehampton, where the provisional England side beat Rosslyn Park Colts 24-20.

Wales, whose matches in the Intermediate Group are played at under-15 level, face Scotland on Friday at Cardiff. The other engagement for Wales in this age group is a visit to Italy in the second week of April, with matches for both A and B teams.

RUGBY CLUB RECORDS

LONDON & SE

	W	D	L	F	A
Abbey	11	2	18	381	416
Askeans	26	1	3	653	220
Bancroft	10	1	17	384	442
Barking	18	0	9	350	297
Barnet	10	3	15	305	487
Basingstoke	9	1	21	299	600
Bexley	6	3	12	246	213
Beaconsfield	16	0	8	378	227
Blackheath	15	2	13	460	512
Bletchley	20	0	8	419	253
Bracknell	17	2	9	418	316
Brentwood	7	1	20	256	355
Brighton	16	0	14	401	362
Bromley	11	3	14	352	350
Buckingham	17	1	7	276	282
Burgess Hill	10	1	11	229	217
Camberley	10	1	16	281	423
Canterbury	10	1	10	558	314
Cheshunt	20	0	3	773	207
Chichester	25	0	3	832	271
Chingford	16	3	8	328	426
Civil Serv	10	0	18	338	420
Colchester	19	2	7	458	200
E Grinstd	22	0	5	584	244
Eastleigh	17	0	11	336	330
Effingham	10	1	14	253	390
Esher	15	2	11	488	291
Eton Manor	19	1	10	411	243
Farnham	16	4	5	420	223
Finchley	13	2	14	401	341
Fullerians	14	2	14	386	350
Gillingham A	10	0	8	448	316
Gosport	19	1	18	410	600
Grasshoppers	19	0	9	477	333
Gravesend	19	0	12	526	365
Guildford	15	1	8	712	345
Harlequins	26	1	13	585	447
Havant	13	1	15	433	366
Hayward H	22	1	15	279	357
Hendon	13	0	10	434	367
Henley	16	0	3	600	222
Hertford	19	2	12	455	356
H Wycombe	18	1	12	655	290
Hitchin	21	1	10	421	260
Ilford Wd	15	0	10	365	261
Kingston	6	1	18	242	507
Lensbury	18	0	11	369	310
Lichwth GC	17	1	9	304	256
Lewes	18	1	4	596	296
Lloyds Bk	12	1	15	280	377

	W	D	L	F	A
Ld Cornish	13	3	7	368	250
Ldn Irish	10	0	18	330	470
Ldn Scot	9	1	14	332	307
Ldn Welsh	20	2	8	542	441
Maidenhead	13	2	3	443	149
Maidstone	16	1	8	489	226
Marlow	13	1	20	317	588
Met Police	13	0	17	451	403
Mill Hill	24	1	5	526	244
Mitcham	16	3	10	405	329
Nw Ash Gr	16	0	11	435	286
Newbury	11	1	20	351	500
[illegible]	7	2	15	187	468
Park Hse	14	1	10	386	204
Pinner	14	0	12	416	271
Portsmouth	14	1	13	398	348
Purley	13	2	9	305	309
Redingensns	11	1	12	321	273
Richmond	11	0	18	463	535
Rosslyn Pk	25	1	11	635	531
Saracens	14	0	18	573	508
Sidcup	11	1	8	503	272
Slough	14	1	11	266	428
Southend	11	0	5	641	190
Staines	15	2	16	377	361
Stockwd P	15	1	15	398	319
Sutton	13	0	12	392	289
Tabard	13	1	8	252	183
Thanet W	15	1	11	425	262
Tonbridge	13	1	15	397	425
Tnbrdge W	19	2	4	391	179
Univ Vand	13	1	13	292	276
Twickenham	14	0	14	280	211
US Prtsmth	5	1	18	150	428
[illegible]	13	0	9	437	204
Vigo	12	0	13	267	326
Wanstead	11	1	17	244	342
Warlingham	11	0	22	151	516
Wasps	13	1	6	716	302
Welwyn	6	0	21	189	390
Winchester	9	0	20	334	383
Woodford	13	1	12	319	314

OLD BOYS

	W	D	L	F	A
Alleynians	22	0	7	647	218
Albanians	20	1	6	410	326
Ashmolean	21	1	4	640	225
Ber	13	1	9	281	201
Brockleians	20	3	2	449	266
Campion	18	2	6	434	190
Cranleighns	15	2	9	449	272
Edwrdns, R	13	2	8	419	256
Elts, Brnl	5	0	20	183	428
Emanuel	15	4	8	296	252
Freemen's	14	2	6	312	160
Gaytonians	25	0	6	646	275
Gravesndns	12	2	15	288	417
Guildfrdians	24	0	6	622	212
Habrdshers	18	0	8	332	230
Isleworthians	9	3	16	219	384
Juddians	22	4	1	575	202
K.C.S.	19	2	4	468	191
Kinsburian	19	2	11	589	419
Meadonians	15	2	13	419	447
Mt Taylors	11	0	17	390	372
Millhillians	8	0	18	254	340
Paulines	8	0	17	263	364
Reedonians	6	2	17	302	500
Reigatians	13	3	10	288	222
Rosslyn Mnr	9	3	18	284	356
Rutlishians	21	2	5	446	243
Sho'rehmians	8	1	16	317	356
Tiffinians	21	3	7	447	280
U.C.S.	8	0	16	189	403
Westcliffians	22	0	18	461	321
Whitgiftians	9	1	16	291	326

MIDLANDS

	W	D	L	F	A
Bedford	16	2	16	440	527
Bedford Ath	4	2	18	302	418
Birmingham	13	1	15	253	485
Bromsgrove	14	2	12	397	293
Coventry	13	2	16	474	477
Derby	18	1	9	521	336
Hinckley	16	1	12	479	385
Kenilworth	18	2	9	385	347
Kettering	9	4	16	278	486
Kings Ntn	21	0	8	509	345
Leamington	18	1	12	409	418
Ledbury	21	1	6	554	184
Leicester	22	2	7	591	322
L Buzzard	24	2	8	574	294
Lichfield	25	1	4	688	206
L Buckby	16	0	11	370	238
Luctonians	16	2	12	295	280
Moderns	16	0	13	446	327
Moseley	22	1	10	505	471
Newark	18	2	10	408	255
Nbld-on-A	14	2	11	271	384
Nthampton	13	1	16	434	523
Nottingham	23	1	7	602	310
Nuneaton	20	0	12	619	435
Oxford	13	1	13	435	358
Oxford M	7	3	16	230	277
Rugby	4	1	22	178	457
Solihull	14	1	11	349	319
Stamford	21	2	6	629	280
Stoneygate	18	1	10	471	314
Wlngbr OG	12	3	12	338	347
Westleigh	19	4	7	583	307
Wlvrhmptn	14	0	12	327	310
Worcester	17	1	23	277	612

WEST & SW

	W	D	L	F	A
Bath	24	1	4	720	277
Berry Hill	25	1	2	582	258
Bodmin	18	0	16	623	310
Bournemth	20	1	8	518	287
Bristol	23	1	12	744	319
Brixham	21	1	15	585	416
Bude	18	2	7	284	176
Camborne	27	2	9	715	328
Camb SoM	14	0	13	339	374
Cinderford	18	1	7	451	364
Clifton	14	2	17	383	422
Comb Dwn	22	1	8	672	279
Crediton	18	2	13	488	296
Devonport S	23	1	8	577	326
Dursley	8	3	18	371	511
Exeter	9	1	21	410	736
Exeter Sar	14	1	11	280	288
Falmouth	4	1	27	228	860
Gloucester	26	1	12	862	451
Hayle	1	2	27	130	679
Helston	17	1	14	391	331
[illegible]	21	0	8	440	341
Launceston	17	0	15	385	381
Newquay H	19	0	10	354	290
Okehampton	27	1	5	702	224
Old Sulians	19	1	7	348	263
Orrndele	24	0	3	680	143
Penryn	10	2	21	388	422
Penzance N	13	1	15	276	524
Plymth Al	11	1	14	687	511
Redruth	19	1	12	447	450
Redruth Al	6	4	22	211	608
Rdrth OB	13	2	15	318	403
Rowland	4	1	17	188	490
RAF St M	15	1	15	408	407
St Agnes	10	3	13	283	240
St Austell	10	2	20	312	472
St Day	7	1	22	238	437
St Ives	22	1	7	488	225
St Just	22	0	8	581	203
Sidmouth	19	3	11	348	386
Stithians	18	0	18	303	418
Stroud	18	2	17	493	433
Tiverton	18	1	11	416	332
Torqy Ath	16	3	14	466	421
Trengilly	16	1	9	415	420
Truro	7	1	21	193	579
Veor	14	0	21	464	529
Wdbrdge C	8	2	16	207	311
Wellington	15	3	15	439	279
Wstn-s-M	7	3	24	212	665
Wimborne	23	1	8	521	304

NORTH

	W	D	L	F	A
Birkenhead	8	0	18	314	538
Broughtn P	15	1	17	487	667
Bradford	14	1	14	358	398
Durham C	20	1	8	634	287
Fylde	18	1	14	461	640
Gosforth	28	0	12	672	381
Halifax	9	1	21	392	471
Headingley	20	1	9	583	323
Harrogate	10	1	18	300	421
Hartlpol R	13	2	18	456	461
Liverpool	13	0	9	356	254
Manchester	11	0	20	313	591
Middlsbro	19	1	7	690	348
Morley	19	0	8	542	302
N Brighton	14	1	24	384	813
Northern	12	0	18	406	543
Orrell	31	2	2	1026	230
Otley	19	6	6	368	225
Preston G	16	2	15	483	383
Percy Park	20	1	11	430	358
Roundhay	12	0	15	512	502
Sale	16	1	3	767	272
Sheffield	10	0	14	513	398
Vale of Lu	12	1	7	630	348
Wakefield	17	3	15	470	425
Waterloo	22	0	8	671	311
Wilmslow	11	0	18	353	513
W Hartlpol	17	1	7	484	354

WALES

	W	D	L	F	A
Aberavon	15	0	20	574	549
Abertillery	19	1	21	384	700
Bridgend	28	0	15	863	502
Cardiff	28	2	5	943	439
Cdff HSOB	10	1	17	375	458
Cross Keys	9	1	21	358	535
Ebbw Vale	15	0	18	419	565
Glamrgn W	17	0	18	577	445
Llanelli	24	8	11	870	542
Maesteg	20	1	12	451	460
Neath	32	2	7	1033	395
Neath Ath	17	2	6	542	280
Newbridge	20	0	14	626	484
Newport	17	2	15	740	522
Penarth	1	0	33	151	1249
Pontypool	30	2	3	1432	393
Pontypridd	16	1	17	273	494
S Wales P	19	1	6	629	390
Swansea	27	1	7	799	412
Tredegar	7	1	16	257	379

IRELAND

	W	D	L	F	A
Ards	18	1	5	400	163
Ballymena	19	1	11	291	320
Bangor	14	0	9	300	253
Bective	16	1	14	505	438
Blackrock	14	1	8	390	298
Bohemians	9	1	14	243	332
CIYMS	6	0	14	243	345
Collegians	11	0	9	228	352
Cork Con	24	6	8	585	245
Derry	10	1	9	211	290
Dolphin	8	2	13	368	330
Dungannon	9	0	12	251	311
Galwegians	9	0	9	221	390
Garryowen	11	2	14	337	385
Greystones	19	1	9	536	323
Highfield	13	3	7	343	283
Instonians	25	1	3	600	362
Lansdowne	18	1	3	412	348
Malone	13	0	8	344	196
North	17	1	6	356	330
O Belvedere	9	1	14	303	332
O Wesley	11	1	14	349	339
Shannon	16	2	7	392	362
St Mary's	8	2	14	293	247
Sunday's W	4	1	18	174	376
Terenure	12	1	12	312	232
Wanderer's	20	0	5	452	284

UNIVERSITIES

	W	D	L	F	A
Cambridge	13	1	9	571	413
Oxford	7	0	16	276	431

Golf—Sunningdale Foursomes

Brave display by Bristow & Hoyles

By LEWINE MAIR

THOUGH Sunningdale could have done with better conditions in which to show off a cast embracing Walker, Ryder and Curtis Cup golfers, the first day of the club's Open foursomes tournament was never less than entertaining.

Sam Torrance and John O'Leary, the most illustrious couple afield, were soaked but still smiling at the end of the match in which they were taken to the last green of the New Course by two amateurs from West Hove, David Bristow, 20, and Tim Hoyles, 23.

O'Leary, who all but holed a bunker shot to salvage a half at the 17th, was full of praise for the way in which the amateurs had competed. "In these conditions, and bearing in mind we were only giving away two shots, it should have been no contest. However, our opponents were fantastic," he said.

Torrance, who made a 10ft birdie putt at the 18th, leaves next Wednesday to start his preparations for his first US Masters at Augusta. All of which is a far cry from those days when, *in his first week* as an assistant at Sunningdale, he *spent his nights sleeping under* the counter in Arthur Lees' shop.

On a day when David Huish and Gillian Stewart played only 25 holes to win two matches, Paul Way and his sister, Nicola, lost at the last on the Old Course to two Scottish professionals, Alastair McLean and Niall Cameron.

Admirably adept

As the only girl in the Hugh Christie School's basketball side, Miss Way was by no means worried at being the odd one out yesterday. Early on, she and her brother were admirably adept at getting each other out of scrapes but, crucially, they took two to recover from sand at the 17th.

Laura Davids and Beverley New defeated the all-professional partnership of Graham Hepsworth and Paul Laycock by seven and five.

The women, who were receiving eight shots, gave the men a tough time. Miss New holed a six-iron at the seventh to put her team four up, while the powerful Miss Davids was often as much as 20 yards past Hepsworth off the tee.

And what, in Hepsworth's opinion, made it doubly awkward was that every time it happened, his wife would call out cheerfully: "She's outdriven you again, darling!"

Bernard Gallacher . . . in action at Sunningdale yesterday.

Sunningdale results

1st rd (Old course): M. J. Herbert & J. Evans (Frilford Heath) bt A. Godfrey & I. Farrant (Harpenden) 3 & 2; Miss N. McCormack (Porters Park) & Miss P. Johnson (Pyle) bt M. Rowett (Bigbury) & S. Lloyd (Looe-Bin-Down) 2 & 1; R. Peters & A. Pritchard (Huddersfield) bt T. Bacon & A. Bacon (Seascale) 3 & 2; A. Oldcorn (Ratho Park) & R. Lee (Royal Mid-Surrey) bt D. Webb (*Pault Wood*) & N. Terry (*Woodlands Manor*) 8 & 7.

P. Hodgson & D. Rollo (Cirencester) bt T. Watts (Cotswold Edge) & D. Kite (Yeovil) 2 & 1; I. Caldwell & Mrs C. Caldwell (Sunningdale) bt T. Barter (Hartley Wintney) & R. Sargent (Gatton Manor) 4 & 3; B. Patterson & K. Macpherson (Walton Heath) bt D. Elliott & G. Carter (Ealing) 4 & 3; K. Stables (Sunningdale) & R. Jamieson (Dunblane New) bt T. Notley (Iver) & R. Benfield (Wexham) 7 & 6.

J. Garner & N. Holloway (Huntercombe) bt B. Firkins & K. Kessell (Haywards Heath) 3 & 2; D. Huish (N. Berwick) & Miss G. Stewart (Carnoustie) bt L. Noakes & P. Longmore 7 & 6.

N. Mitchell (Copthorne) & M. Francis (Tandridge) bt S. Hall & Miss K. Harridge (Lowdwy Park) 2 holes; M. Lawrence & R. Lawrence (Sunridge Park) bt R. Smith (Woburn) & A. Sherborne (Long Ashton) 4 & 3.

N. Burke & N. Child (Ch'pstead) bt R. Gardner (Dorking) & R. Mace (Shillingalee Park). Trlm: N. Tokely (Broadstone) & M. Bogan (Moon Valley) bt B. Mudge & Miss K. Tebbutt (Staverton) 1 hole; P. Green (Crediton) & D. McLelland (Regent-Marigold) bt M. Wall (Knebworth) & P. Scobling (Chadwell Springs) 5 & 4; P. Highfield (Humberstone) & S. Rolley (Otley) bt R. Johnson & N. Green (N Hants), 19th.

New course.—T. Greenwood & A. Drake (Muswell Hill) bt I. Grant & I. Kindle (Thisworth) 1 hole; M. Landsborough (Walton Heath) & D. Hudspeth (Shirley Park) bt D. Thorp & B. Adams (Sutton Coldfield) 1 hole; A. Cotton & P. Tokey (Porters Park) bt S. Kelly (Tylney Park) & K. Campbell (Gleneagles) 4 & 3; Miss J. Forrest (Cotherope) & Miss M. Thomson (Marcliffe) bt J. Sewell (Ashridge) & A. Clapp (Harpenden) 4 & 3.

N. Coles & C. Coles (St George's Hill) bt K. Norton R. Richards (Drift) 4 & 3; G. Wolstenholme (Leics) & Miss H. Hussler (Keighley) bt G. Crisp & S. Bosson (Tenby) 4 & 2; A. Reynolds (Ryl Cinque Ports) & A. Hall (Blackmoor) bt G. Wilson & M. Kirby (Purley Downs) 1 hole; Miss V. Marvin (Easingwold) & Mrs C. Sharp (Coln...) bt L. Mann (Carnoustie) & F. Mann (Banchory) 1 hole.

R. Tickner & A. Rees (Foxhills) bt T. Hill (Effingham) (Chartwicke) & V. Duncan (Bishop's Stortford) 4 & 5.

A. Barr & J. Nudds (Gerrards Cross) bt C. Legouix & T. Williams (Downshire) 4 & 3; J. Fisher (Brockenhurst Manor) & E. Dubrul (Tylney Park) bt R. Lees (St Pierre, Chepstow) & Miss C. Hartlar (Blackmoor) 2 holes; L. Roberts & M. Barr (Home Park) bt P. Webster & P. Sutton (Cottesmore) 4 & 3; G. Davies & C. Clark (Burnley Pk) bt P. Johnson & B. Hawick (Cardiff) 3 & 2; C. Davies & Miss M. Scobling (Sunningdale) bt T. Clements & A. Barrow (St George's Hill) 3 & 1; N. Webber & M. Collingbourne (Goring & Streatley) bt H. Foreman & M. Foreman (Belfairs Pk) 3 & 2; I. Whyatt & M. McLean (Chesterfield) bt P. Stow (Sandown Park) & Miss M. Egan (unattached) 1 hole.

2nd rd (old course).—K. Macdonald & P. Anderson (Berks) bt J. R. Jones & H. Evans (Longland Bay) 2 & 1; K. Hiscox & M. Jarvis (Reid) bt J. Ord (Hobson Municipal) & A. Hartley (Bramley Pk) 4 & 3; B. Gallacher & P. Garner (Wentworth) bt F. George (Beaconsfield) & A. Brewer (Denham) 2 holes; M. Palmer & M. Osborn (Royal Cinque Ports) bt Miss M. Wall (Camberley Hth) & Miss T. Fernando 4 & 3.

S. Levermore & J. Petts (Clacton-on-Sea) bt G. Thompson & A. MacDonald (Arkaig's) 2 holes; A. McLean (Ferneze) & N. Cameron (Carnoustie) bt P. Way & Miss N. Way (Nevill) 1 hole; A. Hoging & P. Lowery (Sonning) bt P. Foster & N. Hobbs (W Malling) 2 & 1; N. Wickelow (Uxbridge) & P. Glazier (Ruislip) bt T. Bourke (Stoneham) & Miss T. Hammond (Leamington & Co) 3 holes.

A. Stevens & P. Stanwick (Datchet) bt J. Carlstair Mrs J. Nicolson (Worplesdon) 1 hole; Miss M. Garner, (Porthcawl) & Miss M. McKenna (Donabate) bt J. Hamilton (Brickendon) & Mrs J. Ritching (Harpenden) 3 & 2.

P. Napier (Effingham) & J. Napier (Kingswood) bt G. Cox (Rudd'ans) & K. Scott (Billingham), 1 hole; J. Griffin & A. Chandler (Mere) bt F. Beeny (Stoke Poges) & D. Morban (Wexham Park), 3 & 1.

D. Cooper (Fleetwood) & A. Waterhouse (Ellesmere Port) bt R. Deakin & E. Campbell (Addington), 2 & 1; S. Watkins (Ellesborough) & G. Cowlishaw (Farnham) bt Miss G. Gunby (Chigwell) & C. Laurence (The Warren), 2 & 1; R. Randall (Blackmoor) & P. Froggatt (Ryl St George's) bt A. Cook & N. Howlo (Marlborough), 2 & 1; P. Carr & N. Burn (Sunningdale) bt G. Thomas & Miss K. Douglas (Long Ashton), 19th.

K. Brake & M. Squire (Calcot Park) bt D. Harrison (Arkford) & C. Strenger (Sunningdale) 20th; C. McClachlan & MaKay (Glenbervie) bt R. Vickery (Berks) & T. Bristow (Blackmoor) 6 & 5; K. Valentine & A. Marshall (Hill Valley) bt J. Irvine & G. Packer (Weymouth) 8 & 6; I. Young (Southampton City) & H. Stott (Richmond Pk) bt M. MacDiarmid & C. Gillies (Wentworth) 1 hole.

J. Barrott (Ryl Ascot) & M. Reeves (Badgemore Pk) bt A. Lord & M. Dewdney (Northants) 1 hole; D. Jones & L. Platts (Three Rivers) bt K. Cooper (Hartsbourne) & W. Large (Dyrham Pk) 4 & 2; M. Grieve (Tavistock) & R. Winchester (Sidmouth) bt J. Gay (Huntercombe) & K. Stever (Bath) 3 & 1; T. Purcell & P. Carry (Braintree) bt J. Stanlon & S. Loveday (Brentwood Mun.) 2 & 1.

Landsborough & Hudspeth bt Greenwood & Drake 3 & 2; Miss Forrest & Miss Thomson bt Cotton & Tokey 3 & 1; Coles & Coles bt Wolstenholme & Miss Hussler 5 & 4.

Reynolds & Hall bt Miss Marvin & Mrs Sharp; Tickner & Rees level with Barr & Nudds at 20th (to be resumed this morning); Fisher & Dubrule bt Roberts & Barr 8 & 7; Davies & Miss Scobling bt Davies & Clark 5 & 4; Webber & Collingbourne bt Whyatt & McLean 3 & 2.

New course.—A. Partridge (Moor Hall) & C. Haycock (Kings Norton) bt K. Barkla (Langley Pk) & D. Melo (Shirley Pk) 6 & 4; J. Baldwin (Ryl Eastbourne) & J. Hawksworth (Ryl Lytham) bt D. McFadden (Hillingdon) & M. Henbury (Foxhills) 1 hole; G. Rothwell & R. Willison (Ealing) bt A. Summers & G. Hunt (Hartsbourne) 3 & 2; P. Taylor (Tyrrells Wood) & M. Vickery (Unatt) bt R. Mabb & K. Whiffen (Weymouth) 19th.

S. Hawkins & N. Blenkarne (Salisbury & S. Wilts) bt D. Pug (Banstead) & S. Cipa (Unatt.), 4 & 3; S. Geddes & G. Pearce (Worthing) bt M. Deeley (Brocton Hall) & Miss J. Hawkins (Worcs) 2 & 1; A. Hill & K. Hayward (Fulford Heath) bt S. Barr (Bexleyheath) & C. Philips (Addington Court) 1 Hole; K. Macdonald (Goodwood) & R. Cameron (Barnehurst) bt Mrs L. Bayman & M. C. Hughesdon (Sunningdale) 3 & 1.

P. Parkin (Newton) & Miss J. Pool (N. Hants) bt J. Weir (Ashridge) & B. Putrick (Porters Bar) 20th; S. Smith & D. Hamilton-Martin (Sudbury) bt A. Rogers & R. Goldie (Ealing) 2 & 1; R. Beard & D. Hemm (Sudbury) bt J. Bates (Princes) & P. Wright (Royal Cinque Ports) 2 & 1; J. O'Leary (Unatt.) & S. Torrance (Unatt.) bt D. Bristow & T. Hoyles (W. Hove) 2 holes.

P. Brown (Hampstead) & S. Hodgson (Effingham) bt J. Ellis (Croham Hurst) & L. Batchelor (Rochester) 5 & 4; A. Hare & M. Dashney (Stondford) bt Mrs J. Thornhill (Walton Heath) & Miss C. Waite (Swindon) 19th; W. Marchbank & A. White (Gleneagles) bt H. Arnott (Highgate) & M. Tibbles (Grim's Dyke) 3 & 2; R. Newberry & P. Snow (Shooters Hill) bt P. King & A. Treynor (Bentley) 3 & 2.

C. Burgess (Fleetwood) & K. Davies (Ellesmere Port) bt K. Maxwell (Sunningdale) & K. Williams (Henley) 6 & 5; G. Harris & G. Hawkins (Worcs) bt A. Calder (Woburn) & J. Lamble (unatt.) 4 & 3; Miss L. Davies (W. Byfleet) & Miss B. New (Lansdown) bt G. Hepworth & S. Laycock (Colnbrook) 7 & 5; Patterson & Macpherson bt Stables & Jameson 1 hole.

Huish & Miss Stewart bt Garner & Holloway 6 & 5; Lawrence & Lawrence bt Mitchell & Francis 4 & 2; R. Treman & A. Pottinger (Welwyn Gdn City) bt D. Carroll & P. Franklin (Cirencester) 2 & 1; R. Moore & M. Eymonds (Tavistock) bt J. Roberts (Muswell Hill) & D. Baillie (Dulwich) 8 & 6.

M. King & M. Devitta (Sunningdale) bt G. Ritchie & P. Hervey (Langley Park) 1 hole; N. Lawrence (Harpenden) & A. Clark (Old Ford Manor) bt R. Freeman & Miss L. Percival (Sandiway) 1 hole; J. Robson & G. Marks (Betchworth Pk) bt L. Farmer W. Midas & R. Whitehead (Moor Pk) 1 hole; Miss McCormack & Miss Johnson bt Herbert & Evans 4 & 3.

Peters & Pritchard bt Oldcorn & Lee 2 & 1; Hodgson & Rollo bt Caldwell & Mrs Caldwell 1 hole; Tokeley & Boggin bt Burke & Child 1 hole; Green & McClelland bt Highfield & Rolley 5 & 4.

Cricket

MIANDAD 71 CONDEMNS ENGLAND

By TONY LEWIS
In Sharjah

PAKISTAN comfortably beat England by 43 runs and relegated them to last place in the tournament for the Rothmans Trophy played in Sharjah yesterday.

Pakistan, put in to bat, scored 175 for seven in their 50 overs, and England, always behind the run rate, were all out in the 49th over for 132.

The great gap between the sides was the brilliant innings of 71 by Javed Miandad on a *sharply turning pitch*.

Technically excellent, he was always easing the ball inventively with the spin and so disrupted the rhythm of Edmonds that the England spinner had to be taken off after six overs.

Vulnerable spin

The moments of England control came when Pocock and Gifford were bowling. Pocock did well to restrict the run-rate, because no more than five fielders are allowed on the leg side in this competition and an off-spinner is especially vulnerable.

Gifford was superb, wheeling away with impeccable length and considerable spin. He gave England their one glimpse of superiority when he removed *Mudassar and Imran in successive* balls and then Shoaib.

When England batted, Imran bowled quickly but found Fowler and Robinson in good form. Fowler was unlucky to chop a ball on to his boot and to see Javed Miandad race *several yards to take a diving* catch short of the off side.

Other England batsmen tried to meet the off-spin of Tauseef and Shoaib with grand strokes to the off side and were bowled.

Bailey was more flexible and played solid attacking strokes as *England vainly attempted to get* 71 to win off the last 10 overs.

Australia meet India in the final on Friday.

PAKISTAN

Mudassar Nazar, c French, b Gifford	36
Mohsin Khan, c Robinson, b Pringle	13
Rameez Raja, lbw b Pringle	16
*Javed Miandad, c Gifford b Edmonds	71
Saleem Malik, lbw b Gifford	2
Imran Khan, c Pringle, b Gifford	0
Shoaib Mohammed, st French, b Gifford	3
†Ashraf Ali, not out	19
Tahir Naqqash, not out	2
Extras (b 1, lb 9, w 2, nb 1)	13
50 overs. Total (7 wkts)	175

Fall of wickets: 1-24, 2-45, 3-107, 4-113, 5-113, 6-125, 7-175.

Did not bat: Wasim Akram, Tauseef Ahmed.

Bowling: Ellison 7-1-18-0; Pringle 7-1-32-2; Edmonds 10-0-47-1; Pocock 10-1-20-0; Gifford 10-0-23-4; Bailey 6-0-25-0.

ENGLAND

G. Fowler, c Miandad, b Tauseef	19
R. T. Robinson, b Tahir Naqqash	9
M. D. Moxon, b Shoaib Mohammed	11
C. M. Wells, b Shoaib Mohammed	5
R. *Bailey*, not out	41
D. R. Pringle, b Wasim Akram	15
P. H. Edmonds, c and b Shoaib Mohammed	8
R. M. Ellison, b Akram	5
†B. N. French, c Shoaib Mohammed b Naqqash	7
*N. Gifford, c Miandad b Imran Khan	0
P. I. Pocock, run out	4
Extras (b 1, lb 12, w 4)	17
(48.2 overs) Total	132

Fall of wickets: 1-19, 2-35, 3-48, 4-49, 5-76, 6-89, 7-98, 8-117, 9-121.

Bowling: Imran Khan 9-3-26-1; Wasim Akram 10-0-28-2; Tahir Naqqash 9.2-1-20-2; Tauseef Ahmed 10-1-25-1; Shoaib Mohammed 10-1-20-3.

Wides and no balls debited to bowlers' analyses.

* captain † wicketkeeper

NEW ZEALAND'S GRIM PROSPECT

By TONY COZIER
in Port of Spain, Trinidad

The brief preliminaries over, New Zealand and the West Indies start a hectic schedule of three one-day internationals and two Tests in rapid succession over the next three weeks at Queen's Park Oval today.

The second one-day international in the series of five will be followed by the first of the four Tests starting on Friday, also at Queen's Park. The teams then go to Guyana for the second Test and the third one-day international and back to Port of Spain for the fourth one-day on April 17.

The New Zealanders, on their first tour of the West Indies since 1972, have had only two three-day matches and the first one-day international as preparation, hardly adequate for an exacting challenge against opponents who have not lost a single home Test since 1978.

West Indies.—*I. V. A. Richards, D. L. Haynes, R. B. Richardson, A. L. Logie, H. A. Gomes, †P. J. Dujon, R. A. Harper, M. A. Holding, E. A. E. Baptiste, J. Garner, W. W. Davis.

New Zealand (from).—*G. P. Howarth, J. G. Wright, K. R. Rutherford, J. J. Crowe, M. D. Crowe, J. V. Coney, B. L. Cairns, R. J. Hadlee, †I. D. S. Smith, G. B. Troup, E. J. Chatfield, J. G. Bracewell.

County Prospects

SO MUCH DEPENDS ON HADLEE

By NEIL HALLAM

TRENT BRIDGE regulars understandably bridle at any suggestion that Nottinghamshire are a "one-man band," reliant for success on Richard Hadlee, but there is no doubt that hopes for the new season *hinge* to a great extent on the New Zealand all-rounder's unimpaired form and appetite.

Another sustained contribution from Hadlee, who last season became the first cricketer since 1967 to perform the "double" of 100 wickets and 1,000 runs, would encourage a Notts side which last year came second in the Championship and the John Player League and reached the semi-finals of the Benson and Hedges Cup competition.

Ken Taylor, the team manager, sees no reason why the county should be any less effective this summer, or why Hadlee's own efforts should not be reproduced.

He explained: "Some players might achieve what Richard did last season and be content to sit on their reputation for a bit, but that has never been his style.

Best in championship

"He is a proud man who has always set himself targets and he is desperately keen to win another trophy. As far as Richard is concerned, the 'double' was not just an achievement but also something he has to live up to.

"He's a thoroughbred, not a workhorse, and so long as we don't expect him to wear himself down when there's nothing in it for him, there *is no reason why he should* not continue to prove he is the best cricketer in the Championship."

With Mike Hendrick forced to retire and Clive Rice no longer in the bowling armoury, Taylor recognises a lack of consistent penetration elsewhere in the seam attack.

He commented: "With another world-class strike bowler, I would back us for anything. My mouth still waters at the thought of Hadlee, Hendrick and Rice together in their prime, but it wasn't to be."

Cycling

WILLIAMS TRIES AGAIN

By PHIL LIGGETT

JEFF WILLIAMS, 26, from Stockport, who crashed out of the Sealink International five-day race almost a year ago when lying fourth, has been given the chance to make amends in this year's event when he was named for the Great Britain team yesterday.

The selectors have relied heavily on past experience in naming Phil Bateman, Darryl *Webster, Peter Longbottom, Phil* Wilkins and recent Grand Prix of Essex winner Alan Gornall, for the race starting at Rotherham on April 15.

More experienced

Peter Sanders, 10th last year, was an obvious choice for the first team but he has been put in the England squad, possibly because he annoyed Jim Hendry, the national team director, when he refused to ride the Grand Prix of Essex after it had been shortened because of snow on the course.

Nick Barnes, 20, from Dartford, is an interesting newcomer to the England team and has earned his place with his fifth in the Essex. Paul Watson, from Milton Keynes, a surprise 14th in last year's Milk Race and fourth last Sunday in the Eastbourne-London is another deserving selection.

Webster, fourth last year—like Sanders he rode in the Team Time Trial in the Olympic Games—said: "I aim to be right up there again this year and I won't be making the same tactical mistakes—I'm more experienced now."

GREAT BRITAIN. — P. Bateman (Leeds), A. Gornall (Clitheroe), P. Longbottom (York), D. Webster (Walsall), P. Wilkins (Nottingham), J. Williams (Stockport).

ENGLAND.—N. Barnes (Dartford), M. Gornall (Clitheroe), K. Reynolds (Solihull), P. Sanders (Kingston), A. *Timm's* (Cannock), P. Watson (Milton Keynes).

LAWN TENNIS

FILA TROPHY (Milan).—1st rd: G. Ocleppo (Italy) bt P. Cash (Australia) 1-6, 7-5, 6-4; V. Amritraj (India) bt S. Meister (US) 6-4, 6-4; A. Mansdorf (Israel) bt C. Hooper (US) 4-6, 7-5, 6-2; P. McNamee (Australia) bt Z. Kuharszky (Hungary) 6-1, 7-6; J. Hlasek (Switzerland) bt T. Hogstedt (Sweden) 6-2, 7-6; P. Zlozil (Czechoslovakia) bt M. Mitchell (US) 7-6, 6-1.

THE BIG EVENTS WEEK BY WEEK

This week: The 83-mile Eastbourne-to-London dash, first long-distance race of the year for Britain's professionals. Ireland's Sean Kelly defends his title in the French Criterium Internationale. Plus preview of the season's first Star Trophy Race and much more.

Cycling

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International Soccer

LINEKER AND STEVEN EDGE ENGLAND HOME

By DONALD SAUNDERS

England ...... 2, Republic of Ireland 1

ENGLAND paid dearly for the satisfaction of earning their fourth consecutive victory in a friendly against the Republic of Ireland at Wembley last night when Bryan Robson, their captain, and Mark Hateley, another key World Cup player, were both injured during the second half of an untidy match.

The small crowd were given scant reward for turning out on a cold, wet, blustery night during much of the first half, which developed into a mad scramble between two teams who appeared to have little understanding of each other's play.

The poor quality of the game was relieved only by the skill and generalship of the two Milan midfielders.

Wilkins, of A C Milan, ran things for England, collecting the ball frequently and trying always to bring his front-runners into the game.

Much of his work was wasted, largely because the new striking partnership of Hateley and Lineker were nort nearly sharp enough to unsettle Lawrenson and McCarthy, at the centre of the Irish defence, and Waddle and Steven could make little progress along the flanks.

So during the first 44 minutes England threatened to score just twice, on each occasion following excellent work by the consistent Sansom.

Bonner alert

In the 15th minute Sansom's cros swas driven by Hateley from the edge of the box, took a deflection off McCarthy and would have curled under the bar if Bonner had not leaped to his left and tipped it over.

Then, five minutes later Sansom cut in from the left, decided to have a go himself from the edge of the box and saw his firmly-hit shot tipped over the bar by the alert Bonner.

Although England took the game to their opponents for most of the first half, Brady still managed to let Arsenal fans in the stadiu msee that he is as skilful and shrewd as ever.

Eventually England's steady pressure earned its reward in the final seconds of the first half when Butcher's lowish cross was headed on by Hateley and confidently placed beyond Bonner's reach by Steven for his first goal on his second England appearance.

The Irish left McGrath in the dressing room at the start of the second half, pushed Lawrenson into midfield and sent on O'Leary to fill the vacancy at the heart of the defence.

The switches almost brought success in the 51st minute when Lawrenson opened up England's defence with a well-placed pass to Waddock, who took the ball on a pace or two, then drove it just wide.

Soon, however, England began to take command again, pushing forward persistently though rarely with sufficient combined skill to outwit O'Leary and his colleagues.

Then, in the 66th minute, misfortune struck Robson, their captain, yet again. He was hurt in a tackle by O'Keefe and was helped off, carrying his left boot in his hand.

Robson's departure gave Hoddle the chance to leave the substitute's bench and press his claim for a place in the World Cup side and the Irish pulled off the ineffective Whelan in the 69th minute and replaced him with O'Callaghan.

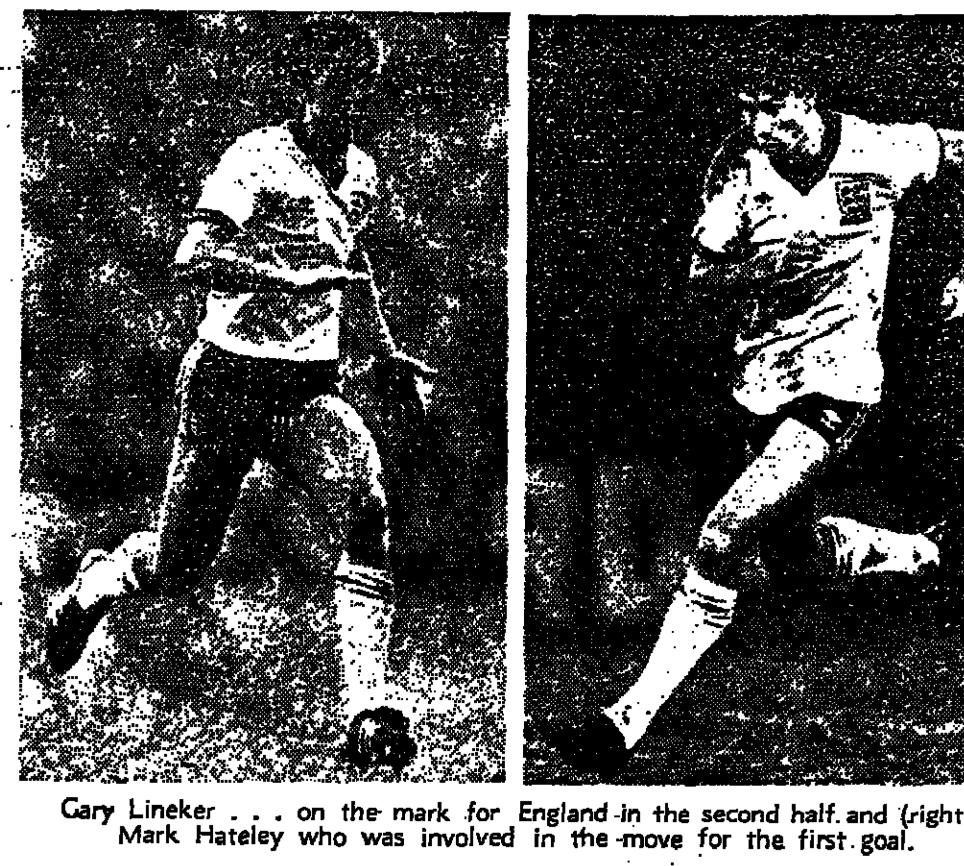
Hateley soldiered on painfully until the 71st minute and then limped off to the dressing room with the luckless Robson.

Davenport, the young Nottingham Forest striker, left the bench to make his first appearance for England and within five minutes had left his mark on the match by supplying a well-judged pass to Lineker, who took the ball on and flicked it past Bonner to earn the distinction of scoring in his first full game.

With barely a couple of minutes remaining the large Irish contingent in the crowd at last had something to cheer about when Brady collected a pass just outside the penalty box, cut in towards goal, his the ball low from an acute angle and saw it pass under Bailey's elbow into the net.

ENGLAND. — Bailey (Man. Utd), Anderson (Arsenal), Sansom (Arsenal), Steven (Everton), Wright (Southampton), Butcher (Ipswich), Robson (Man. Utd), Wilkins (AC Milan), Hateley (AC Milan), Lineker (Leicester), Waddle (Newcastle).

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND. — Bonner (Celtic); Hughton (Tottenham), Beglin (Liverpool), Lawrenson (Liverpool), McCarthy (Man. City), Brady (Inter-Milan), Whelan (Liverpool), Waddock (QPR), O'Keefe (Port Vale), Stapleton (Man. Utd), McGrath (Man. Utd).



Gary Lineker . . . on the mark for England in the second half and (right) Mark Hateley who was involved in the move for the first goal.

Brady's class tells at top level

IT remains one of football's great mysteries why Liam Brady should need to mark his 50th cap by answering the slur that he cares little for the challenge... international soccer.

The Dublin-based cynics ignore Brady's transformation from Irish prodigy to polished European professional when they question his commitment to playing in the green shirt of the Republic.

Brady takes the sourness with a wry smile. He can still remember the bewilderment he felt at the age of 15 when, in their wisdom, the fathers who ran St Aidan's Christian Brothers' Schil expelled him for daring to captain Ireland's schoolboy soccer team instead of playing for them in a Gaelic football fixture.

Influence felt

Wembley, cold and damp, was hardly the ideal stage for him to underline his accelerated development in the four years since he left Highbury for lucrative exile in Italy.

Yet, after making a careful assessment of the pace of the game, the Inter-Milan midfield player, wearing his dark hair slicked back in Mediterranean fashion, made his influence felt by finding space which was beyond the vision of his colleagues.

Arsenal supporters have long bemoaned the loss of one of the British game's most elegant exponents, and it was not a surprise that Brady's left-footed flicks were a source of constant embarrassement to England.

It was a tribute to Ray Wilkins' contribution for England that he stood comparison to his Irish opponent, but Mark Hateley, the game's other player in the game who earns his living in Milan, did not share their technique.

For all the lavish praise, Hateley is still a relative novice at international level. But Bobby Robson would have been heartened by the goal from Trevor Steven on the stroke of the interval.

The game was also valuable because it provided a much-needed opportunity for some of his young players to gain representative experience. But, despite a sizeable crowd of Irish supporters, an England international at Wembley once again lacked atmosphere.

MICHAEL CALVIN

Liam Brady . . . whose class glitters through to confound the Dublin cynics.

Jones urges Wales to turn clock back

By ROGER MALONE

WALES tonight ask Joey Jones, Chelsea's versatile defender, to try and fill their problem position of centre-half, in the crucial World Cup qualifying tie against Scotland, who start as favourites at Hampden Park.

And Jones, 30, with 62 previous caps at full-back and two in central defence three years ago, will be asking his team to turn the clock back 10 months and eight matches.

At Wrexham last May, Jones was a proud and hard-tackling left-back in the side which beat England 1-0, with an excellent goal by Mark Hughes, who was making his debut.

"That was the last time we played well. It has got to be a performance like that if we are to get the result we need against this Scottish side," said Jones last night, after looking back on only one Welsh win in their last seven games.

Hansen on bench

The size of tonight's Welsh task can be gauged by Scotland enjoying the luxury of a centre-back of Hansen's quality being on their substitutes' bench. The Liverpool defender would surely get into any other British team.

"Quality" is the word continually on Sock Stein's lips, as he predictably recalls Dalglish and Nicol, both missing with a virus from last month's 1-0 defeat in Spain, after the Liverpool pair had starred in home victories over Spain and Iceland in Group Seven.

Mr Stein, Scotland's manager, relishes this season's proof that in Dalglish, Souness, McStay and Cooper, he has highly-skilled men, capable of creating a goal for themselves or somebody else, at any moment.

Wales have two attacking players in that class, Rush and Hughes, and two quality defenders in Southall and Ratcliffe.

The Welsh task is to contain Scotland's high-calibre attacking players, and yet get into Scotland's half often enough, and in sufficient numbers, to supply Rush and Hughes with a suitable service.

Praise from Souness

Scotland's inspirational captain, Souness, last night complimented the young Welsh strikers. "It's hard to think of a better pair in Britain or in Europe," he said. The key, for us, will be shutting down on those two."

If McLeish and Miller, with assistance from the nearest other Scots, subdue Rush and Hughes, and Souness, McStay and Bett command midfield, scope ought to arise for the cunning Dalglish to combine with Johnston and Cooper for goals to arrive.

Scottish victory would have them, as Mr Stein says, "well on the road to Mexico." A Welsh win or draw would transform their qualifying chances from lean to healthy.

Certainly, it should prove a physical night, with Nicholas eager to match tackles with Souness, and Mike England, the Welsh manager, concluding: "My lads realise the chips are down."

Table & teams

GROUP 7

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	3	2	0	1	6	2	4
Spain	3	2	0	1	5	3	4
Iceland	3	1	0	2	2	5	2
Wales	3	1	0	2	2	5	2

REMAINING FIXTURES.—April 30: Wales v Spain. May 28: Iceland v Scotland. June 12: Iceland v Spain. Sept. 10: Wales v Scotland. Sept. 25: Spain v Iceland.

SCOTLAND.—Leighton (Aberdeen); Nicol (Liverpool), Albiston (Manchester Utd), Souness (Sampdoria), McLeish (Aberdeen), Miller (Aberdeen), Dalglish (Liverpool), McStay (Celtic), Johnston (Celtic), Bett (Lokeren), Cooper (Rangers).

WALES.—Southall (Everton); Slatter (Bristol R), Jones (Chelsea), Ratcliffe (Everton), Jackett (Watford), James (QPR), Nicholas (Luton), Phillips (Manchester C), Thomas (Chelsea), Hughes (Manchester Utd), Rush (Liverpool).

GIBSON NEW CONTRACT

Colin Gibson has signed a new four-year contract with Aston Villa.

Meanwhile, manager Graham Turner has added Paul Birch and England under-21 striker Paul Rideout to the squad that lost 4-0 at Old Trafford on Saturday for tonight's home game with Stoke City.

French international Didier Six, who is likely to be released by the club at the end of the season, keeps his place.

Curling

ENGLAND CRUSHED

England were left looking for their first win after their crushing 10-3 defeat by Scotland in the third round of matches in the Air Canada Silver Broom World Curling Championships in Glasgow yesterday.

WORLD CH'SHIPS (Glasgow). — Scotland 10, England 3—Canada 8, Switzerland 7—Sweden 6, Denmark 5 —US 8, Italy 3—Norway 10, W Germany 4.

FREDDIE JUDGE

Group Captain Freddie Judge, chairman of the Lawn Tennis Association in 1972 and the R A F representative on the L T A Council for 17 years from 1956, has died aged 79.

He was involved for almost a quarter of a century in British lawn tennis administration, including membership of the championships committee at Wimbledon, and one of his special interests always concerned training and development.

WESTWOOD DIES

Ian Westwood, 38, the former England indoor hockey international, died in East Surrey Hospital, Redhill, yesterday. He had been in a critical condition since a car accident on Sunday evening. the car driver, Mike Leman, captain of East Grinstead, died in the accident.

Other obituaries—P16

Drinkell could add punch for Watford

GRAHAM TAYLOR'S search for the players to secure Watford's First Division survival is expected to take him to Grimsby, the club he used to captain, writes Michael Calvin.

Mr Taylor accepts that he is unlikely to tempt Arsenal into parting with Brian Talbot before tomorrow's transfer deadline.

He retains an interest in Ray Houghton, the Fulham midfield player whose contract expires in the summer, but there was widespread speculation last night that he is set to augment his attack with Kevin Drinkell.

The Grimsby striker has 99 senior goals to his credit yet, despite his initial promise, he has been overshadowed by the pairing of Gary Lund and Paul Wilkinson, who scored his first goal for England's Under-21 team in Monday's 3-2 win over Eire.

Meanwhile Wigan, who are likely to select their new manager from a five-man short-list tomorrow, have sold Steve Johnson, their 16-goal leading scorer, to Bristol City for £30,000.

Portsmouth, poised to complete the free transfer signing of Ivan Golec from **Southampton**, have accepted a £20,000 offer from **Bolton** for Dave Bamber, who has played only twice since his transfer from **Walsall**. The striker has asked for time to consider his position.

Keith Peacock, **Gillingham's** manager, yesterday signed Derek Hales. **Charlton's** experienced striker, and Arthur Cox, the **Derby** manager, thanked Brian Clough for sanctioning the third month of Steve Sutton's loan period at the Baseball Ground.

Allan Harris made a pertinent contribution to the debate over Terry Venables's future yesterday by insisting they intend to stay at **Barcelona** for next season's European Cup challenge.

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QUINN DOUBTFUL

Jimmy Quinn, of Blackburn Rovers, Northern Ireland's latest casualty as Northern Ireland prepare for today's friendly match against Spain at the 30,000 capacity Luis Sijar Stadium in Palma.

Quin twisted his knee in training and was given immediate treatment. "We won't know whether he'll be available, said manager Billy Bingham.

GLOOM FOR SWANSEA

By A Special Correspondent

Swansea ... 1 Millwall ... 2

Swansea City were pushed nearer to relegation from Division Three after their defeat by Millwall, but there was at least no trouble on the terraces. The police presence outnumbered the 100 Millwall supporters by about three to one.

With Swansea's lowest gate for weeks, Vetch Field seemed completely tranquil—off the field.

On the field, however, three Millwall players were booked quicky by referee Baker, and there were two goals in the first half, which proved that some football was being played.

In the 20th minute Millwall launched their first serious attack and Fashanu easily scored.

Brilliant equaliser

There was a spate of Swansea injuries, four men receiving attention after some heavy clashes but, a minute before the interval, a brilliant equaliser was netted by Marustik after Waddle, Pascoe and Powell had cut through the Millwall defence.

In the second half Swansea were seriously handicapped when they lost Stevenson, their captain, who was taken to hospital with his nose apparently broken.

Millwall's winner came from Bremner in the 61st minute when he shot under the body of Hughes.

Swansea City. — Hughes; Marustik, Sullivan, Price, Stevenson, Lewis, Saunders, Powell, Parlane, Waddle, Pascoe.

Millwall.—Sansome; Stevens, Hinshelwood, Briley, Smith, Cusack, Lowndes, Fashanu, Chatterton, Bremner, Otulakowski.

'FLU AT NEWPORT

Third Division Newport have been hit by 'flu, which has caused the postponement of tonight's League game at Bournemouth.

ICE HOCKEY

NAT. LGE. — Minnesota 5, Vancouver 3.

SOCCER RESULTS

INTERNATIONAL

England (1) 2, R. of Ireland (0) 1
Steven — Brady
Lineker — —34,793

DIVISION III

Doncaster (1) 1 Preston (1) 2
Swansea (1) 1 Millwall (1) 2
Marustik — Fashanau
—3,600 — Bremner
Plymouth (2) 2 Burnley (1) 2
Tynan 2 (1 pen.) — Biggins
—4,305 — Hird (pen)
Rotherham (2) 3 Reading (0) 0
Birch
Raynes
Trusson — —2,581

DIVSON IV

Blackpool (0) 1 Colchester (1) 1
Deary — Inglis
— 4,057
Bury (2) 2 Stockport (1) 1
Halifex (2) 2 Exeter (1) 3

FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY— Second Round

Darlington (0) 1 Lincoln (1) 3
Forster — Walker
—1,848 — Hubson

POSTPONED.—Division II: Charlton v Sheffield Utd.

SCOTTISH LGE.—Div 1: Airdrie 1, Ayr 3. Div 2: Raith 3, Queen of South 0—Stranraer 2, Albion Rov 3.

WORLD CUP.—Asian Qualif Group 3: Thailand 0, India 0 (Bangkok).

GOLA LGE.—Frickley 0, Dagenham 2—Runcorn 1, Kidderminster 2.

SOUTHERN LGE.—Prem. Div.: King's Lynn 0, Chelmsford 1. Postponed: Crawley v Witney, Gloucester v Welling, Gravesend v Willenhall, Hastings v Fareham.

GREAT MILLS WESTERN LGE.—Prem. Div.: Clevedon 3, Dawlish 0.

SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LGE.—Prem. Div.: B. Stortford 2, Leytonstone 1. Postponed: Carshalton v Epsom, Dulwich v Walthamstow, Hayes v Windsor.

NORTHERN PREM. LGE.—Stafford 4, Bangor 1. League Cup, Semi-finals, 1st Leg: Macclesfield 1, S. Liverpool 1—Matlock 1, Marine 1.

FOOTBALL COMB. — C. Palace 3, Reading 0—Fulham 2, Portsmouth 0 —Luton 1, West Ham 2—QPR 2, Arsenal 2—Southampton 1, Swindon 1. Postponed: Birmingham v Chelsea.

CENTRAL LGE.—Div 1: Bradford C 3, Sheffield Wed 1—Derby 5, Newcastle 2—Everton 0, Aston Villa 1—Huddersfield 0, Blackburn 3—Notts Co 1, Manchester Utd 2. Div 2: Oldham 2, Leicester 3.

CHARITY MATCH.—Postponed: Bristol Rov v Tottenham (playing April 30).

SCHOOLS.—ESFA Trophy: Derby 4, Notts 1.

RUGBY UNION.—Clubs: Penarth 4, Newport 54.

RUGBY LEAGUE.—Slalom Lager Ch'ship: Castleford 26, Hull 18—Wigan 28, Oldham 2.

TODAY'S SOCCER PROGRAMME

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated.

WORLD CUP—Group 7

Scotland v Wales (Hampden Park, 8)

FRIENDLY INTERNATIONAL

Spain v N. Ireland (Palma)

DIVISION I

Aston Villa v Stoke

DIVISION II

Wimbledon v Shrewsbury (7.45)

DIVISION III

Bournemouth v Newport Postponed
Brentford v Walsall (7.45)

DIVISION IV

Chester v Aldershot
Mansfield v Peterboro'

GOLA LGE.—Boston v Scarboro, Gateshead v Wealdstone (8).

SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LGE. — Premier Div.: Slough v Billericay, Wokingham v Tooting. Div. 2 South: Feltham v Egham, Horsham v Newbury.

NORTHERN PREMIER LGE. — Oswestry v Hyde. Cup, Semi-final, 1st Leg: Grantham v Goole.

CENTRAL LGE. (7).—Div. 1: Burnley v Man. City, Sheffield Utd v Coventry, West Brom. v Liverpool. Div. 2: Bolton v Port Vale, Burnley v Wolves, Doncaster v Middlesbro, Hull v Blackpool, Preston v Grimsby, Scunthorpe v Wigan (7.30), York v Sunderland.

FOOTBALL COMB. — Norwich v Millwall, Oxford Utd v Watford.

SOUTHERN LGE.—Premier Div.: Alvechurch v AP Leamington, Cheltenham v Bedworth. Midland Div.: Leicester Utd v Rugby. Southern Div.: Sheppey v Moor Gn. Bill Dellow Cup, Semi-final, 2nd Leg: Basingstoke v Fisher.

GT MILLS WESTERN LGE (7.45).—Bideford v Exmouth, Frome v Taunton, Mangotsfield v Devizes, Minehead v Bristol MF, Plymouth v Paulton.

E COUNTIES LGE. — Chatteris v Sudbury.

MID-WEEK LGE. — Southend v Northampton.

INTER-SERVICES CH'SHIP.—Army v RAF (Military St, Aldershot, 2.30).

F A YOUTH CUP. Semi-final, 1st leg: Newcastle v Birmingham (7).

ESIA BIS TROPHY. — Dorset v Hants (Wimborne), Surrey v Inner London (Chertsey, 7).

BOWLS

PRESTON (Brighton) OPEN TRIPLES —2nd Rd: W. White (Godalming) 21, G. Grice (K Alfred) 18—T. Young (Preston) 20, A. Evans (Preston) 15—M. Young (Wey V) 19, B. Miller (Preston) 18—M. Overington (Wey V) 21, A. Morfman (Preston) 17—I. Williams (Redhill) 15, B. Baker (Wey V) 14.

UNBADGED PAIRS (Lincoln). — Semi-finals: J. Carlier & B. Miller (Nailsea) 12, G. Barber & J. Roylance (Nth Walsham) 21—J. Tomlin & C. Hiem (Boston) 17, D. Batchelor & I. Tester (Dartford Stone Lodge) 16. Final: Barber & Roylance 22, Tomlin & Hiem 20.

WOMEN'S MATCH. — Clifton 137 Desborough 78.

LAWN TENNIS

FLORIDA CLASSIC (Fort Meyers). —1st Rd: S. Davis bt M. Davis 6-4, 7-6; J. Kriek (S Africa) bt H. Pfister 4-6, 7-6, 7-5; Tom Gullikson bt L. Jensen 6-2, 2-6, 7-6. B. Gilbert bt Y. Noah (France) 6-4, 7-6; J. Kriek bt H. Pfister 4-6, 7-6, 7-6; M. Purcell bt Tim Gullikson 6-4, 6-3.

OTHER SPORT TODAY

BOWLS. — Croft Original British Open (Darlington, 10): Berks & Bucks v London & S Counties (Bletchley, 2.30); Norfolk v Beds (Wymondham Dell, 2.30).

CURLING. — Air Canada Silver Broom (Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, 3 & 7.30).

GOLF.—Sunningdale Ladies' Foursomes: London Ladies' Foursomes (Hindhead).

HOCKEY.—T'ments: RAF Inter-Station Comps. Finals (RAF Cranwell); RUSF Group Ch'ship (Southampton Univ, 9.30).

LAWN TENNIS. — Former Senior T'ment (Queen's Club, West Kensington, 9.30).

RACKETS.—Public Schools Doubles (Queen's Club, West Kensington).

SNOOKER.—Benson & Hedges Irish Masters (Goffs, Co. Kildare).

SPEEDWAY.—London Cup: Wimbledon v Hackney (7.45). Trust Sheral Trophy: Long Eaton v Stoke (7.30).

Last Night's Boxing

McDonnell close to title chalenge

By KEN MAYS

JIM McDONNELL, the unbeaten Stepney featherweight, moved a step nearer to a British title challenge when he won the Southern Area title by easily out-pointing Clyde Ruan, of Croydon, over 10 rounds at Wembley Arena last night.

McDonnell, 24, a former A B A champion who turned professional after winning a Commonwealth Games silver medal at lightweight, produced a performance that brought a verdict of 99½ points to 96½ points from refree Harry Gibbs.

There was never any doubt once the contest got moving in the early stages that Ruan, beaten in four rounds by Barry McGuigan in his last contest when he challenged for the British title, had met his match.

To his credit, he took the fight to the challenger throughout, but suffered a cut right eyebrow for his aggressions as early as the second round and although the injury did not hamper his performance the sharp combination punching of his opponent did.

Ruan, a stylish performer having his 24th contest, did not appear to possess the knowledge how to avoid his five months younger opponent's punching and he seemed bewildered at times by the way McDonnell managed to put his punches together.

Despite his injury Ruan never let up on the attack, but once the injury appeared he committed himself to scoring, leaving himself open to the counter-attack.

Rousing finish

McDonnell, another of the Terry Lawless stable who was having his 14th contest, also suffered a cut across the left eyebrow, bu the experience in his corner never let it bother him fro mthen on.

It was the incentive that Ruan needed, but McDonnell was so determined from the start of the sixth that it became a punch-for punch affair with little regard for defence. Yet it was always the challenger who came out on top.

Ruan, who had lost to McGuigan in four rounds in Belfast last year, tried all ways to get through the tight defence of McDonnell, but he always came out second best.

Despite a rousing final two rounds in which Ruan was boxed to a standstill there was no hesitation on the part of Mr Gibbs to give the younger challenger a victory by seven rounds to one with two even.

10rds Feather (eliminator for British Ch'ship & Sthn Area title).—Jim McDonnell (Stepney) bt Clyde Ruan (Slough) pts.

McGUIGAN TRIUMPHS

Barry McGuigan last night retained his European featherweight championship when the challenger, Farid Gallouze, of France, was stopped in the second round at Wembley Arena.

Speedway

SIMMONS & WIGG FINED AND BANNED

By JOHN GATES

MALCOLM SIMMONS, of Swindon, and Simon Wigg, of Oxford, were yesterday suspended from international events for this season by a Speedway Control Board disciplinary tribunal in London.

They were found guilty of conduct prejudicial to the sport, after having the previous day been found not guilty of bribery and inducement charges.

Simmons, 39, and Wigg, 24, were each fined £1,000 with £900 costs and banned from all F I M events for 1985—the World Individual Championship, World Team Cup and World Pairs Championship.

Mark Courtney, 24, of King's Lynn, was also found guilty of conduct prejudicial to the sport and suspended from racing in Britain until May 1. He was also fined £250 with £200 costs.

John Louis, 44, the former Halifax, King's Lynn and Ipswich rider who now hold an administrative post with Ipswich, was found not guilty of conduct prejudicial to speedway.

The tribunal was a sequel to a series of articles in a Sunday newspaper last autumn, in which it was claimed irregularities had occurred during qualifying meetings for last year's World Championship.

HIRD DENIES PLYMOUTH

Plymouth ... 2 Burnley ... 2

BURNLEY gained a criticial away point in their battle aaginst relegation as they fought back to earn a draw with a late penalty by Hird at Plymouth, after being set back by the explosive Tommy Tynan, who scored twice in the first 21 minutes to bring his season's tally to 25 goals.

Tynan began with a 10th-minute penalty after Hutchison had upended Hodges. In the 21st minute Tynan shot home from close range after good work by Nisbet.

Burnley hit back three minutes later. The unmarked Biggins received a crossfield pass from Grewcock and cut in on to shoot past Crudgington.

Plymouth substituted defender McElhinney for Summerfield at the interval and found themselves under increasing pressure as Burnley battled for an equaliser.

Lawrence chance

Fine saves by Crudgington kept out shots from Devine and Biggins. Then Lawrence, a 58th-minute substitute for Grewcock, failed with a chance created by Phelan, the hard-working midfielder.

Burnley's efforts were rewarded 12 minutes from the end, when Kevin Hird scored his 21st goal of the season with a penalty after Phelan had been fouled by Uzzell.

Plymouth. — Crudgington; Nisbet, Uzzell, Coughlin, Burrows, Goodyear, Rogers, Hodges, Tynan, Summerfield, Staniforth.

Burnley.—Hansbury; Palmer, Hampton, Phelan, Overson, Hird, Grewcock, Scott, Devine, Biggins, Hutchinson.

Snooker

CHARLTON IN LAST EIGHT

By JANICE HALE

Eddie Charlton, after leading 4-1, eventually took the deciding frame to beat Dennis Taylor 5-4, to reach the quarter-finals of the Benson and Hedges Irish Masters at Goffs, Kill, Co. Kildare, yesterday.

Taylor, perhaps suffering some reaction following his part in Ireland's capture of the Guinness World Cup on Saturday, eventually managed to capitalise on his chances to win the fourth frame before Charlton went three up with four to play.

But with breaks of 32, 57 and 48 Taylor was able to restrict Charlton's scoring to only 32 points in the next three frames to force the match to the decider.

Taylor was unable to maintain that momentum and when he failed to make contact with the cluster of reds early in the ninth, Charlton made a frame-and match-winning 60 to earn his first win of the year.

1ST RD.—E. Charlton (Australia) bt Dennis Taylor (Blackburn) 5-4. Frames: 104-12, 75-26, 77-37, 5-48, 66-35, 4-66, 0-93, 28-73, 82-7.

Sports Council

'£8m FUND GAP AFTER GLC BAN'

By PAT BESFORD

THE Sports Council estimates that around £8 million, plus the cost of "imponderables" will be needed to replace the sports funding which comes from the Greater London Council and the six other Metropolitan County Councils due to be abolished in April, 1986.

This money is required for what are described as "wider than local interest" facilities and activities which cannot be transferred to particular smaller borough and district authorities.

Some outgoings have been identified, such as the G L C half-share costs of running the National Sports Centre at Crystal Palace—estimated at £810,000 a year.

Subject to the final passing of the Bill, the third reading of which is today and tomorrow, the Sports Council will receive additional funding to enable it to assume full responsibility for the Centre.

Unknown factors

Also in the £8 million is the cost of setting up the planned five new "centres of excellence," covering the 32 London boroughs.

It is in the area of "imponderables" that the Sports Council's survey, based on its own independent researches and described as the most detailed and responsible report on the subject, has no figures.

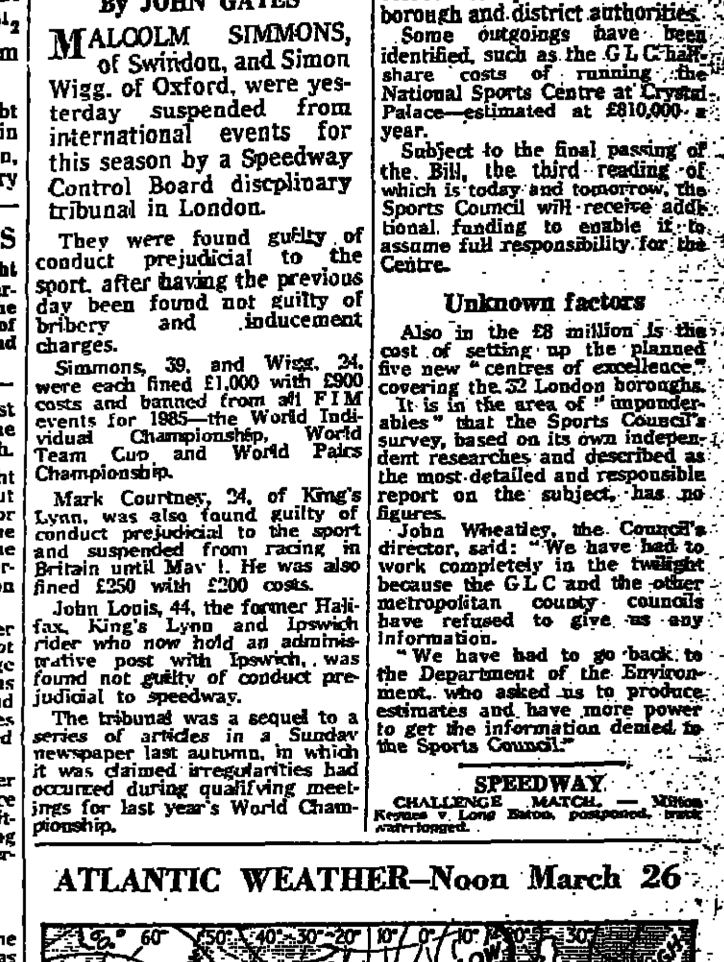
John Wheatley, the Council's director, said: "We have had to work completely in the twilight because the G L C and the other metropolitan county councils have refused to give us any information.

"We have had to go back to the Department of the Environment, who asked us to produce estimates and have more power to get the information denied to the Sports Council."

SPEEDWAY

CHALLENGE MATCH. — Milton Keynes v Long Eaton, postponed, track waterlogged.

ATLANTIC WEATHER—Noon March 26



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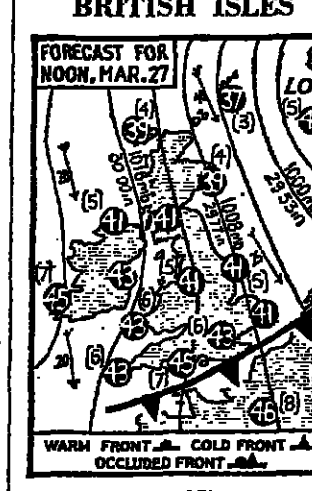
BRITISH ISLES



Issued at 6.30 p.m.

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HOME AND ABROAD

Ajaccio	s	59	15	London	r	43	6
Akrotiri	s	64	18	*L. Angls	c	59	15
Alxandria	s	73	23	Luxmbrg	c	46	8
Amstrdm	c	43	6	Luxor	s	88	31
Ascension	s	86	30	Madrid	s	55	13
Athens	s	64	18	Majorca	s	68	20
Bahrain	s	72	22	Malaga	s	66	19
Barcelna	s	64	18	Malta	f	61	16
Beirut	s	64	18	Manchstr	c	48	9
Belfast	c	45	7	Melbo'rne	s	70	21
Belgrade	s	61	16	*Mexico C	f	70	21
Berlin	r	52	11	*Miami	s	74	23
*Bermuda	f	66	19	Milan	c	55	13
Biarritz	s	61	16	Montreal	s	32	0
Birmghm	c	45	6	Moscow	s	41	5
Blackpool	f	45	7	Munich	s	57	14
Bordeaux	c	54	12	Nairobi	f	81	27
*Boston	s	39	4	Naples	s	64	18
Boulogne	r	45	7	Newcastle	c	45	7
Bristol	r	41	5	N. Delhi	s	90	32
Brussels	c	50	10	*New York	s	52	11
Budapest	s	57	14	Nice	s	57	14
*B. Aires	f	73	23	Oporto	s	57	14
Cairo	s	79	26	Oslo	c	37	3
Cape To	s	75	24	Paris	r	50	10
Cardiff	r	41	5	Peking	c	50	10
Casablnca	s	61	16	Perth	s	102	39
Cologne	c	48	9	P. Stanley	s	54	12
Cpnhgn	r	39	4	Prague	c	52	11
*Chicago	c	43	6	Reykjavik	s	30	-1
Corfu	f	63	17	Rhodes	c	61	16
*Dallas	s	77	25	*R de Jan	s	86	30
*Denver	s	70	21	Riyadh	s	91	33
Dublin	f	46	8	Rome	s	61	16
Dubrovnik	f	57	14	Salzburg	s	59	15
Edinbrgh	f	45	7	*S. Frisco	s	52	11
Faro	s	63	17	*Santiago	s	77	25
Florence	s	61	16	*S. Paulo	r	84	29
Frankfurt	r	50	10	Seoul	f	54	12
Funchal	f	64	18	Singapore	f	88	31
Geneva	f	54	12	Stcklhlm	c	34	1
Gibraltar	s	66	19	Strasburg	c	54	12
Glasgow	f	48	9	Sydney	c	54	12
Guernsey	r	46	8	Tangier	f	63	17
Helsinki	sn	34	1	Tel Aviv	c	72	22
Hongkong	c	72	22	Tenerife	s	68	20
Inn'brck	s	57	14	Toronto	c	39	4
Inverness	c	39	4	Tokyo	c	61	16
I. of Man	f	45	7	Tunis	f	61	16
Istanbul	c	50	10	Valencia	s	75	23
Jeddah	s	86	30	*Vancver	c	41	5
Jersey	c	48	9	Venice	f	54	12
Karachi	s	84	29	Vienna	f	55	13
Larnaca	s	64	18	Warsaw	s	55	13
L. Palmas	s	70	21	*Wshngtn	f	45	7
Lisbon	f	57	14	Wellingtn	f	57	14
Locarno	f	52	11	Zurich	f	55	13

Key: C—cloudy; f—fair; r—rain; s—sunny; sn—snow. Temperatures (F & C) lunchtime generally. Asterisk indicates previous day's readings.

Lighting-up time 6.55 p.m. to 5.15 a.m. Sun rises 5.48 a.m. Sets 6.25 p.m. Moon rises 8 a.m. Sets 1.16 a.m. tomorrow. High water at: London Bridge 4.55 a.m. (21.8ft), 5.16 p.m. (21.8ft). Dover 1.38 a.m. (19.8ft), 1.59 p.m. (18.8ft).

BRITISH RESORTS

Reports for the 24 hours to 6 p.m. yesterday:

	Sun hrs.	Rain ins.	Max. Temp. F.	C	Weather (day)
East					
Scarboro'	4.1	0.10	46	8	Sunny
Bridlington	7.8	0.01	46	8	Sunny
Cromer	—	0.06	45	7	Cloudy
Lowestoft	0.2	0.12	43	6	Cloudy
Clacton	—	0.50	45	7	Rain pm
Margate	—	0.21	43	6	Rain
South					
Folkestone	—	0.22	45	7	Rain
Hastings	—	0.21	45	7	Rain
Eastbourne	—	0.32	46	8	Rain
Brighton	—	0.40	45	7	Rain
Worthing	—	0.39	45	7	Rain
Bognor R.	—	0.28	45	7	Rain
Southsea	—	0.41	45	7	Rain
Sandown	0.5	0.38	46	8	Rain
Shanklin	0.2	0.31	48	9	Rain
Ventnor	—	0.25	48	9	Rain
Bournemouth	—	0.33	46	8	Rain
Poole	—	0.32	46	8	Rain
Swanage	0.1	0.35	46	8	Cloudy
Weymouth	—	0.38	46	8	Shrs am
Exmouth	—	0.27	45	7	Rain
Teignmouth	—	0.30	46	8	Showers
Torquay	—	0.19	46	8	Rain
Falmouth	6.5	0.06	48	9	Bright
Penzance	0.3	0.07	46	8	Dull
Jersey	1.4	0.44	50	10	Showers
Guernsey	1.0	0.67	52	11	Rain
West					
Scilly Is.	1.0	0.02	48	9	Cloudy
Newquay	—	0.13	46	8	Shrs am
Ilfracombe	—	0.10	45	7	Dull
Tenby	1.7	—	48	9	Cloudy
Colwyn B.	4.5	—	45	7	Sun pm
Southport	4.0	0.01	50	10	Sun am
Morecambe	7.8	—	50	10	Sunny
Douglas	9.2	—	48	9	Sunny
Scotland					
Eskdalemuir	5.4	0.06	45	7	Hail pm
Prestwick	5.5	0.05	48	9	Shrs pm
Glasgow	4.4	0.03	48	9	Hail pm
Tiree	9.8	—	46	8	Sunny
Stornoway	3.2	0.17	43	6	Hail pm
Lerwick	3.0	0.06	43	6	Hail pm
Wick	3.6	0.06	43	6	Shrs pm
Kinloss	3.2	0.19	46	8	Hail
Aberdeen	3.5	0.05	48	9	Showers
St Andrews	1.6	0.13	45	7	Shrs pm
Edinburgh	4.3	0.04	48	9	Shrs pm
Northern Ireland					
Belfast	5.9	—	48	9	Bright
Lake District					
Ambleside	2.8	—	48	9	Sun pds
Kendal	5.5	—	49	9	Sunny
Keswick	5.6	—	52	11	Sun pds

LONDON READINGS

Max. temp. (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.) 43F (6C); Min. temp. (6 p.m. to 6 a.m.) 41F (5C); Rainfall 0·46 inch; Sunshine nil.

In Britain yesterday (daytime): Warmest Guernsey 52F (11C), Coldest Cape Wrath 41F (5C); Wettest Guernsey 0·67 inch, Sunniest Anglesey 10·3 hours.

SKI-ING CONDITIONS

The following reports were supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain:

	Depth l	Depth u	Conditions Piste	Conditions o.p.	Weather & Temp(F) 5 pm	
Andermatt	35	220	g	v	f	46
Andorra (Soldeu)	80	180	p	v	cl	37
Courmayer	180	400	g	h	f	31
Grindelwald	20	110	fa	v	cl	50
Isola 2000	180	220	g	g	f	34
La Plagne	130	240	v	v	f	50
Livigno	30	90	fa	v	cl	50
Murren	60	325	g	fa	fo	37
Tignes	110	175	g	pd	f	32
Val Thorens	140	290	g	cr	f	21
Zermatt	40	—	i	g	f	41

Key: l—lower; u—upper; c—closed; cl—cloudy; cr—crust; f—fine; fa—fair; fo—fog; g—good; h—heavy; i—icy; o.p.—off piste; pd—powder; pr—poor; r—rain; sn—snow; sp—spring; th—thaw; v—varied; w—worn. Depths in centimetres, temperatures in Fahrenheit.

SCOTLAND

CAIRNGORM.—Upper and middle runs: complete, new snow on a firm base. Lower slopes: complete but narrow, new snow on a firm base. Vertical runs: 1,800ft. Hill roads: slight snow. Main roads: clear. Snow level: 1,700ft.

GLENSHEE.—Upper runs: some complete, spring snow on a hard base. Lower slopes: very little, spring snow on a hard base. Vertical runs: 1,000ft. Hill and main roads: clear. Snow level: 2,000ft.

GLENCOE (open Sat, Sun, Mon only).—Upper runs: some complete, new snow on a firm base. Lower slopes: limited nursery areas. Vertical runs: 900ft. Hill and main roads: clear. Snow level: 2,400ft.

LECHT.—Upper and middle runs: complete, new snow on a firm base. Lower slopes: ample nursery areas, new snow on a firm base. Vertical runs: 700ft. Hill and main roads: clear. Snow level: 2,000ft.

Forecast for today and tomorrow—Snow showers at times, wind fresh or strong northerlies. Freezing level 1,000ft.

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TELEVISION

WEDNESDAY GUIDE BY HARVEY LEE

BBC-1

6 50 a.m.-9.20 BREAKFAST TIME, with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. 10.30-10.50 Play School. 10.50-11.15 Gharbar.

12 30 NEWS, WEATHER. 12.57 Regional News (London and South East only: Financial Report and News Headlines)

1 00 PEBBLE MILL AT ONE—with medical matters. 1.45 King Rollo. 1.50-2 Bric-a-Brac. 3.48 (not London) Regional News.

3 50 PLAY SCHOOL. 4.10 The Wombles. 4.15 The Puppy's New Adventures. 4.35 The Magic Pudding. 4.50 Captain Caveman.

5 00 NEWSROUND, with Paul McDowell. 5.05 Seaview—Last visit to the boarding house serial. 5.35 Grange Hill (Ceefax). (Wales: Wales Today.)

6 00 NEWS, WEATHER.

6 35 REGIONAL MAGAZINES. (Wales: *Sportfolio*.)

7 00 WOGAN — Terry Wogan with Shirley Conran, Roddy Llewellyn, Christopher Lee, Lorraine Chase, Richard Dunwoods and a possible Song for Europe.

7 40 MONKEY BUSINESS—Natural history quiz.

8 10 DALLAS—Back—by *public demand, no less—the Southfork* folk head into their final laps on BBC, before falling prey *to the mercies of ITV's schedule planners. Jenna is still* charged with shooting Naldo, and Patrick Duffy, who plays Bobby, directed this one. (Ceefax.)

9 00 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST. By the Conservatives.

9 05 NEWS, WEATHER.

9 30 Q.E.D.—The Long Watch. Fifty Years of radar, marked by William Woollard with a rather pedestrian report that fails to plot the excitement of the original discovery, back in 1935, perhaps because it was virtually accidental. Sadly, only Arnold Wilkins survives from the early pioneers, who had such wonderful names as Watson Watt, A. P. Rowe, Harry Boot and Mr Wimperis of the ministry. But *the film uses some fine wartime colour footage and rightly* takes pride in this vital British invention.

10 00 SPORTSNIGHT—Athletics (the Newcastle City Centre 5,000, *promising Seb Coe and marathon man Steve Jones*) and last night's boxing bill, Frank Bruno, Barry McGuigan.

11 05 ★THE VISIT—The Boy David Trilogy begins a nightly re-run, recalling how Scottish surgeon Ian Jackson took an abandoned Peruvian boy into his hospital and then into his home. Disease had destroyed the lad's face to a grotesque degree. Jackson is now rebuilding it. Desmond *Wilcox had merely to point his camera.* (Ceefax.) 12.05 a.m. Weather.

BBC-2

6 55 a.m.-7.20 OPEN UNIVERSITY.

9 38 DAYTIME ON TWO. Educational programmes.

5 25 NEWS, WEATHER.

5 30 "HOW THE WEST WAS WON" (1962). The vast, sprawling, definitive western, narrated by Spencer Tracy, directed by John Ford, *George Marshall and Henry Hathaway and* played by whoever was available, including Messrs Fonda, Malden, Peck, Stewart, Wallach, Wayne and Widmark. The fate of a family of pioneer folk over three generations mirrors the settlement of the American west. Carroll Baker and Debbie Reynolds also lead, though it's a bit of a squeeze on the small screen.

7 55 ANIMATION NOW—Cartoon double bill.

8 10 RENOIR—"What Are Paintings For, Anyway?" An appreciation of the great Impressionist, to tie in with the impressive collection of his sun-blessed work at the Hayward Gallery in London.

9 00 ★OSCAR—Trials. Middle section of John Hawkesworth's classy drama of the life and forbidden love of Oscar Wilde follows the disastrous court case brought by the play*wright against his dear friend Bosie's brutal father, the* Marquis of Queensberry. Norman Rodway plays the thuggish peer, Ronald Pickup his devious attorney and Michael Gambon an elegant Oscar, about to be sacrificed on the altar of Puritan England. The conclusion follows tomorrow. (Ceefax.)

9 55 OPEN SPACE—It's a RIP Off. The callous exploitation of mourners and the insensitivity of bureaucrats.

10 35 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST. By the Conservatives.

10 40 NEWSNIGHT including a report from David Sells on the Chinese leadership's desire to turn China into a modern industrial state, despite the workers' lack of enthusiasm. 11.25 Weather.

11 30 ANIMATION NOW: Double bill by Dutchman Paul Driessen. 11.45-12.40 a.m. Open University.

ITV Thames

6 15 a.m. GOOD MORNING BRITAIN. 9.25 Thames News Headlines.

9 30 FOR SCHOOLS. 12 Button Moon. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Mr and Mrs.

1 00 NEWS. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.25 Home Cookery Club. Open Seafood Omelette. 2.30 On the Market. With a good wok guide and Cantonese cookery tips.

3 00 GEMS. Rag trade serial. 3.25 Thames News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters.

4 00 BUTTON MOON, rpt. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 The Razzmatazz. Rocky Horoscope Show—Astrological edition of the pop *show predictably has Russell Grant as resident stargazer.* Wham, Meatloaf, Alison Moyet and the Thompson Twins are the stars.

4 45 FRAGGLE ROCK. 5.15 Blockbusters.

5 45 NEWS.

6 00 THAMES NEWS. 6.25 Help! DIAL, for the disabled.

6 35 CROSSROADS.

7 00 WISH YOU WERE HERE . . .?—Travel weekly sends courageous Chris Kelly into Spain's Costa del Crime, to *discover how the Spanish hope to allay our fears.* (Oracle.)

7 30 CORONATION STREET (Oracle.)

8 00 THIS IS YOUR LIFE—Eamonn Andrews makes another citizen's arrest.

8 30 THERE COMES A TIME . . . Cedric the computer threatens *to supplant expiring executive Andrew Sachs.* (Oracle.)

9 00 ★★THE LAST PLACE ON EARTH—The pitiful, tattered symbolic remains of a British flag fly forlornly in the freezing polar winds. The crippled, *ragged* remains of Scott's frost-bitten band limp mournfully toward it and their bitter end in a concluding episode at times almost too wretched to watch. Wherever the truth lies buried between the poles of patriotic legend and writer Trevor Griffiths's revisionist reappraisal this stunning, sad, episode seals the award-worthy fate of a production that has been as technically and artistically impressive as it has been historically controversial. Make-up man Tommy Mandserson is the unsung hero here. (Oracle.)

10 00 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST—by the Conservatives.

10 05 NEWS AT TEN, followed by Thames News Headlines.

10 35 MIDWEEK SPORT SPECIAL—World Cup football (Scotland against Wales at Hampden Park); indoor bowls from Darlington; Liverpool goalie Bruce Grobbelaar.

12 05 ARETHA FRANKLIN—Portrait of a Legend. Skimpy rock profiles series. 12.30 Night Thoughts. On Passover.

Channel 4

2 35 "LAXDALE HALL" (1952, b/w) Ealing-esque comedy has Ronald Squire and fellow Hebrideans refusing to pay their *road tax until they get a new road.* Raymond Huntley is the man from the ministry.

4 00 A PLUS 4—Monthly news review. 4.30 The People's Court. Judicial double bill. 5 Alice. 5.30 *Farming On Four—Farm* bankruptcies.

6 00 DANGER MAN (b/w) Patrick McGoohan stars. Repeat.

6 30 THE LIVING BODY—Ageing. Its physical and mental effects.

7 00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS; at 7.50 Comment, by Labour MP Peter Snape.

8 00 THE DRAGON HAS TWO TONGUES—Exodus. The refreshingly disputatious Welsh history course examines the depression years between 1918 and 1945.

8 30 DIVERSE REPORTS—We Should Have Won. Ken Loach expresses the anger and resentment of rank and file *unionists on the outcome of the miners strike.*

9 00 "THE CONTRACT" (1980) Polish film-maker Krzysztof Zanussi uses a chaotic wedding reception, awash with *drink and home truths, to mirror the mores of his country*men and women in this biting social satire. Leslie Caron is among the guests. (With English sub-titles.)

11 05 BOOK FOUR—On an essay anthology by E. P. Thompson, the historian and nuclear campaigner.

11 35-12 SHORT CIRCUIT—Confessions of a former intelligence chief of El Salvador, including details of the murder in the cathedral of Archbishop Romero in 1980.

★★ Outstanding. ★ Recommended.

ITV REGIONS

TVS

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 TVS Outlook.
9 30 For Schools.
12 00 Button Moon.
12 10 Our Backyard.
12 30 The Sullivans.
1 00 News; TVS News.
1 30 Mr & Mrs.
2 00 Problem Page.
2 30 On the Market.
3 00 *Gems.*
3 27 TVS News; The Young Doctors.
4 00 Button Moon.
4 15 Batfink.
4 20 Razzmatazz Rocky Horoscope Show—new series.
4 45 Fraggle Rock.
5 15 Blockbusters.
5 45 News.
6 00 *Coast to Coast.*
6 35 Crossroads.
7 00 Wish You were Here?
7 30 Coronation Street.
8 00 This Is Your Life.
8 30 There Comes a Time.
9 00 The Last Place on Earth.
10 00 Conservative PPB.
10 05 News; TVS News.
10 30 Midweek Sport Special.
12 05 The Adventurer.
12 35 Company.

Anglia

6 15-9.25 Good Morning.
9 30 For Schools.
12 00 Button Moon.
12 10 Our Backyard.
12 30 Mr & Mrs.
1 00 News; Anglia News.
1 30 A *Country* Practice.
2 30 On the Market.
3 00 Gems.
3 25 Anglia News.
3 30 Sons and Daughters.
4 00 Button Moon.
4 15 Batfink.
4 20 Razzmatazz *Rocky* Horoscope—new series.
4 45 Fraggle Rock.
5 15 Blockbusters.
5 45 News.
6 00 About Anglia.
6 35 Crossroads.
7 00 Wish You were Here?
7 30 Coronation Street.
8 00 This Is Your Life.
8 30 There Comes a Time.
9 00 The Last Place on Earth.
10 00 Conservative PPB.
10 05 News; Anglia News.
10 35 Midweek Sport Special.
12 05 That's Hollywood.
12 35 Candles in the Dark.

Central

6 15-9.25 Good Morning.
9 30 For Schools.
12 00 Button Moon.
12 10 Our Backyard.
12 30 Something to Treasure.
1 00 News; Central News.
1 30 Hardcastle & McCormick.
2 30 *On the Market.*
3 00 Gems.
3 25 News.
3 30 Sons and Daughters.
4 00 Button Moon.
4 15 Batfink.
4 20 Razzmatazz Rocky Horoscope Show—new series.
4 45 Fraggle Rock.
5 15 Newshound.
5 45 News.
6 00 Crossroads.
6 25 Central News.
7 00 Wish You were Here?
7 30 Coronation Street.
8 00 This Is Your Life.
8 30 There Comes a Time.
9 00 *The Last Place on Earth.*
10 00 Conservative PPB.
10 05 News; Central News.
10 35-12.5 Midweek Sport Special.

Yorkshire

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Weather.
9 30 For Schools.
12 00 Button Moon.
12 10 Our Backyard.
12 30 Calendar Health Club.
1 00 News; Calendar News.
1 30 Falcon Crest.
2 30 On the Market.
3 00 Gems.
3 25 News.
3 30 Sons and Daughters.
4 00 Button Moon.
4 15 Batfink.
4 20 Razzmatazz Rocky Horoscope Show—new series.
4 45 Fraggle Rock.
5 15 The (Computer) Game
5 45 News.
6 00 Calendar.
6 35 *Crossroads.*
7 00 Wish You were Here?
7 30 Coronation Street.
8 00 This Is Your Life.
8 30 There Comes a Time.
9 00 The Last Place on Earth.
10 00 Conservative PPB.
10 05 News.
10 35 Midweek Sport Special.
12 05-12.35 Portrait of a Legend—Alice Cooper.

HTV

6 15-9.25 *Good Morning.*
9 30 For Schools.
12 00 Button Moon.
12 10 Our Backyard.
12 30 Benson.
1 00 News; HTV News.
1 30 Simon & Simon.
2 30 On the Market.
3 00 Gems; HTV News.
3 30 Sons and Daughters.
4 00 Button Moon.
4 15 Batfink.
4 20 Razzmatazz Rocky Horoscope Show—new series, with Russell Grant.
4 45 Fraggle Rock.
5 15 Three Little Words.
5 45 *News.*
6 00 HTV News.
6 35 Crossroads.
7 00 Wish You were Here?
7 30 Coronation Street.
8 00 This Is Your Life.
8 30 There Comes a Time.
9 00 The Last Place on Earth—last part.
10 00 Conservative PPB.
10 05 News; HTV News.
10 35 Midweek Sport Special: Scotland v Wales; and international indoor bowls.
12 05 Weather.
HTV Wales: 6 p.m.-6.35 Wales at Six.

S4C

1 00 Countdown.
1 30 S.W.A.L.K.
2 00 Beth, Sut, Pam, Pryd a Ble?
2 20 Ffalabalam.
2 35-2.55 Hyn o Fyd.
3 15 Edward Heath: profile.
4 15 Irish Angle.
4 45 Ffalabalam.
4 55 Hanner Awr Fawr.
5 30 Danger Man.
6 00 Brookside.
6 30 Pwl.
7 00 Newyddion Saith.
7 30 Gwas Y Gwn.
8 00 Can y Gwledydd Bychain.
8 30 Yn Gwanyn ar S4C.
8 50 Soccer. Scotland v Wales.
9 45 Y Byd Ar Bedwar.
10 15 "King of Comedy" (1982 film).
12.10-12.40 Diverse Reports.

TSW

6 15-9.25 Good Morning.
9 30 For Schools.
12 00 Button Moon.
12 10 Our Backyard.
12 30 Teachers *Only.*
1 00 News; Local News.
1 30 A Country Practice.
2 25 Home Cookery Club.
2 30 On the Market.
3 00 Gems.
3 30 Sons and Daughters.
4 00 Button Moon.
4 15 Batfink.
4 20 Razzmatazz Rocky Horoscope *Show* — new series, with Russell Grant.
4 45 Fraggle Rock.
5 15 Gus Honeybun.
5 20 Crossroads.
5 45 News.
6 00 Today South West.
6 30 *Politics South West.*
7 00 Wish You were Here?
7 30 Coronation Street.
8 00 This Is Your Life.
8 30 There Comes a Time.
9 00 The Last Place on Earth—last part.
10 00 Conservative PPB.
10 05 News; Local News.
10 30 Midweek Sport Special: Scotland v Wales; and international indoor bowls.
12 05 Portrait of a Legend: Kris Kristofferson.
12 30 Postscript.
12 35 Weather; Shipping.

Channel

9 30 For Schools.
12 00-1.30 As TSW.
1 30-2.30 A Country Practice.
3 00-5.15 As TSW.
5 15 The Phyllis Diller Show.
5 45 News.
6 00 Channel Report.
6 30 Crossroads.
6 55 Gary Lloyd Sound.
7 00-10 As TSW.
10 00 The Barnstormers.
10 05-12.5 As TSW.
12 05 News & Weather in French; Weather.

Open University

BBC2 TV: 6.55 a.m.-7.20 A101. 11.45 p.m. U205. 12.10-12.40 S202. Radio 4 VHF: 11.30 p.m. A315. 11.50-12.10 E200.

WORLD SERVICE RADIO

6 a.m. Newsdesk. 7 World News. 7.9 Twenty-four Hours. 7.30 Report on Religion. 7.45 That's Trad. 8 World News. 8.9 Reflections. 8.15 Classical Record Review. 8.30 Mainstream. 9 World News. 9.9 British Press Review. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Kicking Up the Sawdust. 10 News. 10.1 Time Remembered. 10.30 My Word. 11 World News. 11.9 News about Britain. 11.15 Mediterranean Dialogue.

12 noon Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Nature Notebook. 12.25 The Farming World. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1 World News. 1.9 Twenty-four Hours. 1.30 Handel and the Oratorio. 2 Outlook. 2.45 Report on Religion. 3 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Shakespeare and Music. 3.30 Yes Minister. 4 World News. 4.9 Commentary. 4.15 Rock Salad. 4.45 The World Today. 5 World News. 5.9 Monitor. 5.25 New Ideas. 5.35 Waveguide.

8 p.m. World News. 8.15 International Soccer Special. 10 World News. 10.9 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11 World News. 11.9 Commentary. 11.15 Mediterranean Dialogue. 11.30 Top Twenty.

12 midnight. World News. 12.9 News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Yes Minister. 1 News. 1.1 Outlook. 1.30 Waveguide. 1.40 Book Choice. 1.45 Monitor. 2 World News. 2.9 British Press Review. 2.15 Network U.K. 2.30 Assignment. 3 World News. 3.9 News about Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 A Bach Celebration. 4 Newsdesk. 4.30 International Soccer Special. 5.45 The World Today.

RADIO

FOUR

5 55 on l/w Shipping.
6 00 News Briefing.
6 10 Farming Today.
6 25 Prayer for the Day.
6 30 Today.
9 00 News.
9 05 Midweek: Libby Purves.
10 00 Gardeners' Question Time.
10 30 Morning Story.
10 45 Service.
11 00 Workforce, rpt: Brian Redhead talks to Lord Young about unemployment.
11 48 What's in a Name . . .
12 00 You and Yours.
12 27 "Gold of the Conqueror": Part 5, rpt.
12 55 Weather.
1 00 The World at One.
1 35 Conservative PPB.
1 40 The Archers.
1 55 on l/w Shipping.
2 00 Woman's Hour.
3 00 "Working the System": play by Allen Sadler. Jan (Ian Thompson), a newcomer to local government employment, learns the ropes from old hand Jack (Howard Gourney).
3 47 Time for Verse.
4 00 File on 4, rpt.
4 40 Story Time: "Jennings in Particular" (7).
5 00 PM (5.50 on l/w Shipping).
5 55 Weather.
6 00 News; Financial news.
6 30 Just a Minute.
7 00 News.
7 05 The Archers.
7 20 Ray Gosling in the House of . . . Happy Hands. First of four programmes.
7 45 Books of the Century, 5: Lytton Strachey's "Eminent Victorians" discussed by Michael Holroyd.
8 15 Peacemakers' Paris, by Alison Plowden: five months in 1815, as the t r e a t i e s following Napoleon's defeat at Waterloo were worked out.
8 45 Analysis: The Wage Virus. Mary Goldring looks at who's getting rises and why.
9 30 A Future for Diplomacy? Last of the three talks by Simon Jenkins.
9 45 Kaleidoscope, presented by *Natalie Wheen.*
10 15 Book at Bedtime: "The Rich Mrs Robinson" (8).
10 30 The World Tonight.
11 15 Financial World.
11 30 Today in Parliament.
12 00-12.15 News, Weather.
12 33 Shipping forecast.

VHF: 11 a.m.-12 For Schools. 1.55 *Listening Corner. 2-3 For Schools.* 11 p.m. Study on 4: When Language Breaks Down. 11.30-12.10 Open University. 12.30 a.m.-1.10 Night-time Schools.

THREE

6 55 Weather.
7 00 News.
7 05 Your Midweek Choice (8-8.5 News).
9 00 News.
9 05 This Week's Composer — Chopin.
10 00 Dvorak and Smetana, rpt.
10 40 Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3.
11 20 Guillaume de Machaut *monophonic* and polyphonic works. Repeat.
12 15 Concert Hall: Louis Lortie (piano) plays Liszt at St. John's, Smith Square.
1 00 News.
1 05 *Bill Evans: tracks from the* jazz pianist's first two albums, recorded in 1956 *and 1958.*
1 30 Matinée Musicale.
2 30 "A sound and durable instrument" — Christopher Kite plays Beethoven on a Viennese fortepiano built around 1814 by Johann Fritz.
3 25 Sir Arthur Bliss' Processional and Five Dances from Checkmate.
4 00 Choral Evensong from Chelmsford Cathedral.
4 55 News.
5 00 Mainly for Pleasure.
6 30 Début: Paul Silverthorne (viola) and John Bingham (piano) play Brahms and Lutyens.
7 00 "Oblomov": Ivan Goncharov's novel dramatised by Matthew Walkers from Ann Dunnigan's translation. Rpt. from Radio 4, with James Fox, Nicky Henson, John Baddeley, Moir Leslie and Alan Bennett.
8 50 Hans Werner Henze's Kammermusik (1958).
9 40 Six Continents.
10 00 Delmé String Quartet: Richard Wilson's Quartet No. 3 (first U.K. broadcast) and Brahms' Quartet in A *minor.*
11 00 "Noye's Fludde": Chester Miracle Play set to music by *Benjamin Britten.* Recorded earlier this evening in Manchester.
11 57-12 News.

TWO

4 00 Colin Berry.
6 00 Ray Moore.
8 05 Ken Bruce.
10 30 Jimmy Young.
1 05 David Jacobs.
2 00 Paul Heiney.
3 30 Music All the Way.
4 00 Steve Jones.
6 00 John Dunn.
8 00 *World Cup Soccer Special:* Scotland v Wales.
10 00 The Cambridge Buskers.
10 15 Tom Mennard.
10 30 Hubert Gregg.
11 00 Brian Matthew.
1 00 Bill Rennells.
3 00 Niall Murray Sings, rpt.
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BARBICAN HALL, Barbican Centre, EC2. 01-628 8795/638 8891. Ton't 7.45 Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra Marek Janowski cond Ju Hee Suh piano GLINKA: Overture: "Russlan and Ludmila" TCHAIKOVSKY: Piano Concerto No.1 SHOSTAKOVICH: Symphony No.15.

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ASHBY.—On March 21, at Northallerton, to BETSAN (née Futer) and CHRISTOPHER, a daughter (Alexandra Sophie), a sister to Edward. All overjoyed. Warmest thanks to all Maternity Staff.

BLAKE-THOMAS.—On March 7, to MELANIE (née Miles) and GLAN, a son (William Miles).

BROWN.—On Monday, March 18, at Princess Margaret Hospital, Windsor, to TERRY (née O'Keefe) and DAVID, a son (Nigel David Tommy), brother for Victoria Lucy. Grateful thanks to all staff at Prince Margaret's.

BRYANT.—On March 18, to JANICE and MATTHEW, a daughter (Rebecca Kate), a sister for Janis.

BYRNE.—On March 22, to JANE (née Howorth) and BRIAN, a daughter (Emily Joanna Elizabeth), a sister to Jeremy.

CASTLETON.—On March 23, to SARAH (née Lister) and TOM, son (Alexander Thomas Bishop), a brother for Rachael.

DOSSAN.—On March 25, in Jersey, to ROSY (née Pulthend) and ANTHONY, a daughter (Alexandra Elizabeth).

DOWLING.—On March 24, at St John's Hospital, Chelmsford, to JULIET and MICHAEL, a daughter.

FALKNER.—On March 25, at Bristol, to PATRICIA (née Tower) and Martin, a daughter (Lucy).

FRANKLIN.—On March 19, at Mount Alvernia, Guildford, to VICTORIA (née Bright) and ANDREW, a son (Samuel Andrew).

GAINZA-BEMBERG.—On March 24, at St Mary's, Paddington, Linda Wine, to SARTAJ and MINA, a son (Max), brother to Zenobia and Marcos.

HEATHCOAT AMORY.—On March 23, at The Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, to HARMONY (née Lyell) and CHARLES, a son (Toby Derick), a brother for Simon.

HEELIS.—On March 21, in London, to ANGELA and JULIAN, a son (Mark Alexander).

HINES.—On March 11, to NICKI (née Whittle) and NICK, a son (Benjamin Nicholas).

JOHNSTONE.—On March 24, in Malta, to LISA and IAN, a daughter, sister for Caroline.

LACEY.—On March 20, at Gloucester Royal Hospital, to LINDA and DEREK, a son (Dominic Richard Derek), a brother for Vanessa, Matthew and Christine.

MAJOR.—On March 20, to JANE (née Hurst) and ANDREW, a son (Charles Andrew), a brother for Louise.

O'DONOVAN.—On March 21, to MARION (née Birch) and JOSEPH, a daughter (Marion Lucinda).

PLATT.—On March 21, to The Hon. Laura (née Cecil) and ROLAND, a daughter (Ann Catherine).

PRINCE.—On March 23, at Basingstoke District Hospital, to MARGARET (née Leaton) and JOHN, a daughter (Keren Jennifer), a sister for Phillipa.

RANDS.—On March 21, at Queen Charlotte's, London, to ELIZABETH (née Saxe) and MARTIN, a daughter (Rebecca).

ROBB.—On March 19, 1985, at Tunbridge Wells, to MARY (née Oakley) and PETER, a son (William Thomas).

ROBINSON.—On March 23, to ROSEMARY (née Lucas) and OLIVER, a daughter (Beatrice).

ROWSELL.—On March 26, at Dumfries, to ALISON (née Whamond) and PETER, a son, a brother for Natalie and Katherine.

SOMERS.—On March 15, in New York, to JULIA (née Ross) and DANIEL, a daughter (Emma Caroline).

STALLWOOD.—On Saturday, March 23, to GAIL and JOHN, a daughter (Emma Pitcellan).

TAYLOR.—On March 21, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to SUSAN (née de Wardon) and MARTIN, a son (Robin Ronald), a brother for Laura.

WARE.—On March 19, at Winchester Hospital, to LORRAINE and GEORGE, a son (Richard).

WHITE.—On March 14, 1985, to FIONA (née Morland) and ALASDAIR, a daughter (Siobhan Diana), a sister for Ritha.

BECZAK (Adoption).—In Hongkong, to ROSALIND (née Brampton) and THADDEUS, a son (Theodore Thomas Chung-tot), born Nov. 29, 1983.

MARRIAGES

MULLENS—BURGESS.—On March 23, 1985, at Christ Church, Oxford, ISABEL ALICE to WILLIAM GRAHAM.

PERRY—BAXTER-WRIGHT.—On March 22, 1985, MICHAEL PERRY, of Manchester, to VICTORIA ANN, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs T. K. BAXTER-WRIGHT, of Monmouth.

VENTER—WOOD.—On March 15, in Miami, Florida, DANIEL, son of Dr and Mrs W. VENTER, of Barkly West, South Africa, to TESSA, daughter of Mr and Mrs PETER WOOD, of Deal, Kent.

RUBY WEDDINGS

LEWIS—SHIPTON.—On March 27, 1945, at St Peter's Church, West Blatchington, Hove, GWYN to MARY. Now at The Cottage, Barton End House, Nailsworth, Gloucestershire.

POTTER—WILD.—On March 27, 1945, at Glossop, GEOFFREY to AUDREY. Now at 1, Fawns Leap, Cuddington, Northwich, Cheshire.

48TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HARRIS—MUNCEY.—On March 27, 1937, at St Mary's Church, Bromley, by the Rev. Trevor Rees, REG to JOYCE. Still at Beckenham. Deo gratias.

IN MEMORIAM

THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S ROYAL ARMY NURSING CORPS.—Q.A. Day, March 27. On this day all members of QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S Royal Army Nursing Corps remember with pride and gratitude all comrades who gave their lives in the service of their country. Sub cruce candida.

DEATHS

ACKHURST.—On March 23, at The R.H.B.N.I., Putney, LORNA ELEANOR (Doll), beloved sister of Arthur and aunt of Eileen. She was for many years in the devoted care of the R.H.B.N.I. Fancy flowers only, but donations if desired to R.H.B.N.I., Putney SW15 5SW or to Bristol Pilgrim Fellowship, B.M., London branch, Mrs A. Comback, 2, East Sussex Avenue, London, NW14 8AA.

ALEXANDER.—On March 24, 1985, at Fleet, Hants, LOUISE MARGARET, aged 82 years, dearly loved mother of Harold William, who died on March 10. Funeral service at St Philip and James Church, Kings Road, Fleet, on Friday, March 29, at 11 a.m., followed by cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Church of England Children's Society, c/o 116, Kings Road, Fleet. A service in memory of Harold and Louise will be held at St Philip and James Church on Friday, April 12, 7.30 p.m.

AUSTIN.—On March 21, 1985, at home, FLORENCE GRACE EMILY, of Westcliff, Rose Bank Rd., Sussex, widow of ERNEST JOHN KEMPTON AUSTIN, lately of Berkeley Road, London, N.W.9. Cremation at Chichester on Wednesday, April 3, at 12 noon. Inquiries to Reynolds (F.D.), 31, High Street, Bognor Regis, tel. 0243 864745.

BAILEY.—On March 23, peacefully, at his home, RONALD GORDON (Bill), aged 74 years, of Bartley Close, Solihull, beloved husband of Elsie and dear father of Nick. Funeral service and cremation at Hood Crematorium, Solihull, on Friday, March 29, at 3 p.m. Family flowers only, please, but donations in lieu would be appreciated for the Royal Masonic Hospital.

BARRY.—On March 22, suddenly at St Stephen's Hospital, London, CLAUDE VAN RENSSELAER, aged 63 years, beloved son of the late Ian and of Phyllis and dear brother of Madeleine. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium, Rosslyn Lane, NW11, at 2.10 p.m., on Thursday, March 28. Inquiries to Wm Bailey & Son, 01-935 8714.

BLACK.—On March 23, 1985, peacefully at a nursing home, WINIFRED LAPONE, aged 88, much loved mother of Geoffrey and to Janet. Funeral service Wednesday, April 3, 3.50 p.m., at St Augustine's Church, Bournemouth, private cremation later. Family flowers only please. Inquiries to Deric-Scott Furniss Lodge Funeral Home, Bournemouth 34311.

BONINGER.—On March 25, 1985, suddenly in hospital, JAMES, aged 75, of 3, Palmerston Square, Hove. Inquiries to Attree & Kent, funeral directors, Tel. Brighton 688228.

BROWN.—On Monday, March 25, 1985, at home, JOSEPH FORSYTH CHARLTON BROWN, C. Ch.m. F.R.S.E., aged 50, of 11, Townfield, Rickmansworth, Herts, beloved husband of Mona (née Thew) and dear father of Nigel and Jeffrey. Funeral, St Mary's Church, Rickmansworth, 2.30 p.m., Thursday, March 28. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research Campaign, c/o James Peddle Ltd, 65, High Street, Rickmansworth. Tel. Rickmansworth 74 3123.

BROWN-JOHN.—On March 23, 1985, at the Royal Masonic Hospital, London, W6, CHARLES HENRY, in his 84th year, loved and admired husband of Dorothy (née Mulligan, died 1976), father of Ann and grandfather of Steven, of Wilberby & Co., Broadway Press and the Co-operative Printing Society. Funeral at St Andrew's Church, Torridon Road, London, SE6, at 3.45 p.m. on Thursday, April 4. All friends very welcome. Flowers to Co-operative Funeral Service, 25, Rushey Green, London, SE6.

BUCHANAN.—On March 24, peacefully, ALEXANDER GRAHAM, of Aylsham, formerly of Stoley, Norfolk.

BUSSON.—On Friday, March 22, suddenly at home, 17, The Chestnuts, Beechwood Park, Hemel Hempstead, JULIA (Julie), beloved wife of Walter John (Wally) and dearly loved mother of Sally and Daniel. Service at the Methodist Church, Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead, at 12.15 p.m., on Friday, March 29, followed by cremation at 1.15 p.m., West Herts Crematorium, High Elms Lane, Garston. Flowers to G. Hall & Sons, 3, Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead.

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U.S. ANGRY AT KILLING BUT NOT PROVOKED

By FRANK TAYLOR in Washington

THE Reagan Government continued to express anger yesterday about the killing in East Germany on Sunday of an American Army officer, but appeared to be unwilling to let the incident interfere with the recent improvement in relations with Moscow.

A State Department spokesman said that Washington was disgusted with an official Soviet account of the incident, in which Major Arthur Nicholson was shot and killed by a Soviet soldier guarding military installations in East Germany.

The Russians, who said that Major Nicholson was spying, had merely compounded the "inexcusable killing" with a tendentious account of what happened, he said.

Other officials said that while there was no excuse for the killing, it was unlikely that Washington would allow the confrontation to set back the gradual thaw in relations between the United States and the Soviet Union.

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President Reagan telephoned Major Nicholson's widow, Karyn, in Frankfurt yesterday to express his condolences. Mrs Nicholson is expected to accompany the body of her husband in a United States Air Force flight to America today.

'Licensed spying'

Although the Americans are denying that Major Nicholson was inside a restricted military zone when he was shot, there has been no attempt to discount the Soviet charge that he was photographing military installations.

Major Nicholson was a member of the 14-man American military liaison mission stationed at Potsdam whose job it is to collect data on Communist military dispositions inside East Germany.

What has angered the Americans is that in killing the officer the Russians were not "playing by the rules" by which the Allied military missions carry out "licensed spying" in East Germany, while the Russian mission does the same in West Germany.

The most charitable explanation being given in Washington is that Major Nicholson was spotted by a "trigger-happy" Soviet sentry who did not follow the customary procedure of simply shooing him away.

Major Nicholson was apparently trying to photograph tank sheds near the town of Ludwigslust when he was challenged.

The Americans are also angry over the delay in getting medical help. Major Nicholson's driver, Sgt Jesse Schatz, was prevented from giving first aid, being held by the Russians at gunpoint inside his car.

One American source said: "You can't call this man a spy because the ground rules for the operation of the mission are quite specific. It's all very visible. The men assigned there have to carry a special identification card and everybody knows who they are."

Maj Nicholson, 37, was said by colleagues to have been one of the "best and brightest" of the Russian-speaking specialists assigned to the Patsdam mission. He had carried out many intelligence - gathering missions in East Germany, they said.

A former mission member said that while the men's duties were usually seen as "routine" daylight operations, sometimes they became very risky night-time forays.

"We'd go in at 90 mph between 11 at night and one in the morning to try to keep the Russians from seeing where we were going," he said. "It's a very dangerous job. It doesn't surprise me that someone was killed. I'm surprised it wasn't happened before."

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By NIGEL WADE

Shooting defended

to prospects for a new start in dealings with Washington.

Maj. Nicholson and his driver ignored clearly visible warning signs in ussian and German when they drove on to the Soviet military facility to conduct an "espionage operation," Tass said.

American Servicemen had committed "such unlawful acts before, Tass claimed. Members of the American mission caused grievous injuries to a Soviet officer they "deliberately ran down" while engaged in military reconnaissance in a restricted zone in 1982 the report said.

'SHOOT FIRST'

Russian policy

Air Cdr G. S. Cooper, Defence Staff, reports: Mr Caspar Weinberger, American Defence Secretary, told defence ministers attending the Nato Nuclear Planning Group meeting in Luxembourg yesterday that "the murder" of Maj. Nicholson revealed yet again the Russian mentality of shoot first and investigate later, which had shocked the world at the time of the shooting down of the Korean Airlines' ocing 747.

'LEGITIMATE VISIT'

Tank sheds

MICHAEL TARR reports from Bonn: Maj Nicholson was on a legitimate visit, observing Soviet tank sheds, American sources in Germany said yesterday.

"He was near, but not on, restricted ground," the sources added.

Maj Nicholson, a fluent Russian-speaker, was standing outside a Soviet military installation at Ludwigslust, near Schwerin, where Soviet missiles are believed to be installed, looking at tank sheds when he was shot and killed on Sunday it was said.

The services were not able to confirm that he had been taking pictures, though they noted that this was an accepted practice by members of the missions of the three Western war-time allies stationed near Potsdam, and the Russians accredited to the British, American, and French commanders-in-chief in respectively Bunde Frankfurt and Baden-Baden in the West.

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THATCHER'S SOVIET TALKS 'USEFUL'

By Our Political Staff

The Prime Minister yesterday reported on her meeting with the new Soviet general-secretary, Mr Gorbachev.

She described their discussions as "good and useful" and added: "He touched briefly on relations between our two countries and agreed that we should develop contacts in a wide variety of fields so that we could achieve a better understanding and thus contribute towards an improvement in East-West relations.

"I stressed the hope of the Government and people of the United Kingdom that the Geneva arms talks would be successful and result in increased security at a lower level of weapons."

U.S. considers tougher reprisals

By DAVID SHEARS in Washington

PROSPECTS of American counter-terrorist military action against selected targets in Iran loomed larged yesterday after a speech by Mr Robert McFarlane, White House National Security Adviser.

"We should be prepared to direct a proportional military response against bona fide military targets in a State which directs terrorist action against us," Mr McFarlane said.

In the past, notably during the 1979-80 embassy hostage-taking crisis in Teheran and the more recent truck bombings of United States Marines and diplomats in Lebanon, America has been hamstrung in taking retaliatory action by its inability to pinpoint suitable targets.

But in his speech to a defence forum Mr McFarlane said that in deciding to retaliate it would not be necessary to have "absolute evidence that the targets were used solely to support terrorism.

"Nor should we need to prove beyond all reasonable doubt that a particular element or individual in that State is responsible for such terrorist acts."

His remarks were seen by American commentators as lowering the threshold at which America might launch reprisal strikes. He seemed to be going even further than Mr George Shultz, Secretary of State, whose outspoken remarks on the need for anti-terrorist reprisals aroused controversy some months ago.

He said the us of force must be an option even if it threatened innocent bystanders being used as a shield by terrorists.

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LEVY 'NO' VOTE

By DAVID GRAVES

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as a "tactical mistake" by many Left-wingers, who felt that if the union started paying the wages of sacked men it would divert effort from the campaign to get them reinstated.

There had been considerable feeling at many pits last week, when the ballot was conducted, that the N U M should not give money to men who could have been responsible for some of the violence during the strike.

Mr Peter Heathfield, the union's general secretary, described the result as "disappointing, but not unexpected."

Mr Tony Morris, a spokesman for the National Working Miners' Committee, said it was a vote "against Scargillism," adding: "The best thing Mr Scargill can do is stop where he's welcome — in Moscow."

Mr John Glen, 49, N U M branch secretary at Monktonhall colliery, near Edinburgh, one of 46 miners sacked at the pit, said he was "very disappointed. The only alternative now is pithead collections for sacked miners."

The ballot, conducted by the Electoral Reform Society, was the first opportunity the N U M executive had given its membership to vote since the start of the national strike last year, when they wer edenied a poll.

In the four years since Mr Scargill became president, the Left has only won one ballot—Mr Heathfield's narrow election victory just before the strike started.

The latest defeat will strengthen the arm of the moderates who want the overtime ban imposed on Oct. 31, 1983 called off. It was instituted in protest at a 5·2 per cent. wage offer linked to pit closures.

Miners have not received a pay rise for two years, and the Coal Board is refusing to negotiate until the ban is lifted and normal working resumed.

Nottinghamshire miners, who are already working normal overtime, announced that Mr Roy Lynk, their newly-appointed acting general secretary, is to run against Mr Mick McGahey, Left-wing leader of the Scottish miners, for the post of national vice president in the summer. If he is successful, Mr Scargill could find himself with a moderate No. 2.

Commons Sketch

FAMOUS GROUSE SHOT AT

By EDWARD PEARCE

AS a working rule Mrs Thatcher is not exactly La Roche-Foucauld, nor indeed Joe Miller, but she scored rather sweetly yesterday when Mr Derek Fatchett (Lab., Leeds C) asked the predictable question about cuckoos.

"What other bird species troubled the divided Conservative party?"

"None," said Mrs Thatcher, disregarding the refrigerated features of Mr Heath. "Apart, that is, from the odd grouse."

However, an accession of wit has not improved the Prime Minister's spoken English.

In less than 90 seconds she spoke of us having played "*a very leading part*" in something or other, presumably the E E C, and proclaimed herself in favour of "*free-up trade*," at which she sat down and made way for the Minister of Education.

Sir Keith these days has things very much the way he wants them. Partly this is because his White Paper on exams, assessment and standards was genuinely well received.

Partly because he has developed a relaxed style — that to the kindly don who had rather hoped for a more sophisticated contribution to his tutorial.

For the Opposition Mr Radice finds himself trying to be unpleasant by numbers. Since it does not come naturally to him, his grasp of prose style blasted upwards, achieved lift-off and ran slowly along the ground.

'Empty words'

"The 64,000 dollar question," "getting a quart out of a pint pot," "ringing hollow," "empty words," "peace initiative" and "fiddling while Rome burns," said the Opposition spokesman on education.

Otherwise Sir Keith was not troubled except perhaps by the sycophantic Mr Key, a man who would have been thought over the top at the court of Louis XIV.

Mr Key is P P S to M. Heath, which is rather like being ambassador to Ninevah or harbour master of Dunwich (if anybody asks, Dunwich has been under water since 1450). That does not stop him buttering his bread on both sides with gross flattery of Sir Keith.

The White Paper, a very sensible and helpful affair, does not benefit from being described as "the greatest development since the 1944 Act."

By contrast the butter applied by Mark Fisher was rancid. "Did the Minister realise," he asked, "that teachers felt undervalued and unwanted?"

Hardening hearts

There is something about the plight of teachers which brings out the worst in all of us. Somehow they repel without frightening. The creak of hardening hearts could be heard on all sides.

Yet such rituals apart, Sir Keith's proposals were not received as they would have been 10 years ago as elitist reaction or a vicious attack on a fine body of men. Mr Radice thought them a trifle obvious.

Labour, knowing its ground, is readily indignant about the quantity of text books and the state of classrooms.

But on the modes of education, concerning which its mildest members once carried flaming torches to burn down grammar schools and institute the kingdom of Crosland on earth, it is fascinatingly mute, quibbling at the margins of rational argument.

As Sir Keith put it with delicate *litotes*: "The Opposition make far too little of the question of underachievement." After all they have specialist knowledge!

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DEATHS (Continued)

BYRON-DAVIES.—On March 22, 1985, suddenly, at her home in Fulham, Iris YVONNE, dearly loved and in-an mother of Peter and Felicity, dear granny of Justin and Lucy and friend to many. May the Lord bless her and keep her and make His face to shine upon her, and give her peace. Funeral service 1.30 p.m. at St Mary's Church, Fulham, on Friday, March 29. All welcome. Flowers to Reynolds, F.D., 31, High Street, Bognor Regis, tel. 0243 864745.

CAmil.—On March 25, peacefully, at home, Hill, dearly loved husband of Mary and father of Timothy, Alastair, Philippa, Jocelin and St-Phillip. Requiem at St Aidan's, Coulsdon, Surrey, Friday, March 29, at 10 a.m. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Christian Aid, c/o 1, Portnalls Road, Coulsdon, Surrey.

CARTER.—On March 24, peacefully at St Anthony's Hospital, Northampton, HARRY ERNEST of Chesham, Bucks, much loved sister, sister-in-law and aunt.

CARTER.—On March 25, in Salisbury, MARJORIE, very dear mother of Pam and grandmother of Sally and Hugh. Thanksgiving service at Alderbury Parish Church on Tuesday, April 2, at 2 p.m. Family flowers only. If desired, donations for the Salisbury Hospice Fund, c/o H. A. Harold & Son Ltd., 77, Estcourt Road, Salisbury, tel. 21171.

CATON.—On March 24, 1985, at Newick House, Rottingdean, Sussex, THOMAS DOUGLAS CATON, formerly of Dean Court Road, Rottingdean. R.I.P.

CHAMBLIN.—On March 24, suddenly in St Albans City Hospital, Marion, wife of Frank. Funeral West Herts Crematorium, Garston, 12.30 p.m., Friday, March 29. Cut flowers or donations to British Red Cross, 9 Seymour Mews, 26, Marlborough Road, St. Albans.

CHITTENDEN.—On March 20, 1985, suddenly at his home in Oxford, NORMAN F., beloved husband of Joyce, loving father of Delia and Hilary and dear grandfather. Funeral service at St John's Chapel, Oxford Crematorium, Headington, on Friday, March 29, at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, for the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association, c/o Reeves & Pain, 288, Abingdon Road, Oxford.

COCKBURN.—On March 25, peacefully after a long illness at the Villa Maria private Nursing Home, Wanstead, wife of the late Dr Douglas Cockburn. Funeral service at Cricklewood Crematorium, Tuesday, April 2, at 3.30 p.m. Flowers to J. R. Shakespeare Ltd., 65, Gordon Street, Gosforth.

COLDREY.—On March 20, 1985, Eric Arthur, M.D., F.R.C.S., aged 77.

CRAWFORD JONES.—On March 24, 1985, in Cuckfield Hospital, ERIC HEARD, aged 77, of Horsham, Sussex, dear husband of Mabel and father of Merlin. Funeral service at the Sussex Oak Crematorium, Worth, on Friday, March 29, at 3.30 p.m. At Rosarth's Chapel, Horsham, flowers only, or donations, if desired, to The Roman Heart Foundation, c/o Masters & Son, 90, High Street, Lindfield, Sussex RH16 2HN.

CROSSLEY.—On March 23, peacefully after a long illness, BARBARA MARGARET, of Ashtead, Surrey, formerly of Bridgnorth, Salop. Funeral, Ashtead Crematorium, Friday, March 29, at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only, please, but donations, if desired, to Cancer Research Campaign, c/o Ashtead Pharmacy, 2, Barnett Wood Lane, Ashtead, Surrey.

DAY.—On March 25, suddenly, A. Cameron, aged 85 years, husband of Dorothy, father of John and Ann, his widowed and co-operative of Heather Hill Farm and Morris, service at Kenilworth Methodist Church, Gloucester Road, on Monday, April 1, at 2.15 p.m. No flowers, please, but donations may be sent to Bench Heart Foundation, Gloucester Place, London W1H 4DH.

DAVIDSON.—On March 22, 1985, in a Yeovil hospital, CHRISTINE MARY, mother of Sarah, Tessa, Somerset, private cremation at Salisbury Crematorium on Monday, April 1, at 12.30 p.m. Funeral service at St Andrew's Church, Stoke Trister, Somerset, on Tuesday, April 9, at 2.30 p.m. Inquiries to Will Case and Partners, 22, Churchfields Road, Salisbury, tel. 24293.

DICKINSON. — On Sunday, March 24, 1985, suddenly at his home in Douglas, Isle of Man, GEORGE EDWARD, dearly beloved husband of Cora, dear father of June and Patricia and much loved grandfather of Caroline and Jeanette. Funeral service and interment will take place at Farnley Tyas Church, Kirk Burton, at 11.15 a.m., on Friday, March 29. Floral tributes may be sent to F. Haigh, funeral directors, Dove End, Kirk Burton, Huddersfield, tel. Huddersfield 602591.

DILWORTH. — On March 24, in Guy's Hospital, GEORGE WILLIAM, beloved husband of Joan. Funeral service at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium on Monday, April 1, at 11.30 a.m. Flowers to B. L. Baker & Son, Caterham.

DOLBY.—On Tuesday, March 26, 1985, suddenly but peacefully in hospital, DONALD DOLBY, aged 52 years, of Lampson House, St Ives Road, Somersham, Cambs., dearly loved husband of Jean, beloved father of Clare, Nigel and Thomas and a loving son of Florence and George Dolby, also a dear brother of Howard. Funeral service at Somersham Parish Church, on Tuesday, April 2, at 12 noon, followed by private cremation. No flowers by request.

DRUETT.—On March 22, 1985, suddenly in hospital, ALICE ELIZABETH DRUETT, wife of Rev. A. E. Druett, of Reigate, Surrey. Funeral at St James' Church, Riddlesdown, Purley, Surrey, on Friday, March 29, at 10.45 a.m. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Help the Aged, Redhill.

EMERSON.—On March 25, 1985, suddenly, KATHLEEN MARGARET, of 37, Tudor Close, Cheam. No flowers, please.

ENGEL.—On March 25, suddenly in his 80th year, SAMUEL, loved brother of Nellie Abrams and Anne Lowe.

ENRIQUEZ.—On March 25, in hospital, BRIAN EDWARD HENRY, aged 82, of Kingsworthy. Funeral service at Southampton Crematorium (East Chapel), on Friday, March 29, at 3 p.m. Memorial service to be announced later. Inquiries to John Steel & Son Ltd, Winchester 63195.

EVANS.—On March 24, quietly at Godalming, Lt-Col L. W. B. Evans, (Lee), late S. Lancs Regt., Sinai Rifles and 5th (Kenya) Bn KAR. Sadly missed by much loved wife Daphne, son Anthony, daughter-in-law Jocelyn and granddaughter Rosalie. Cremation at 1 p.m., Friday, March 29, Guildford Crematorium, New Pond Road, Godalming. Flowers to J. Gorringe & Son, tel. Godalming 6403.

FOXLEY.—On March 24, peacefully at home, RAEBURN, much loved husband, father, grandfather and father-in-law. Service at Falconwood Crematorium at 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 28. Family flowers only, please. Donations to the Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Appeal, Harley Street, W1G 7JF.

FRENCH.—On Sunday, March 24, peacefully in Eastbourne hospital, ROBERT FRENCH, M.D., D.P.M., aged 91 years, dear father of Mary and Barbara. For many years M.O.H. Cambridgeshire. Cremation private. No flowers or letters, please.

GALBUTT.—On March 16, at his home in the Isle of Wight, ROY, beloved husband of Vivien and friend of Jenny and Jenny. He will be sadly missed.

GARDNER. — On March 20, Lt-Col JAMES C. L. GARDNER, Royal Artillery and Royal Indian Artillery (Ret'd), R. I. Gardner of Garstang, beloved husband of Judy. Funeral has taken place.

GELDER.—On March 23, 1985, in hospital in Oxford, ALICE MARGARET, aged 85 years, formerly of Bradford. Funeral service at Oxford Crematorium, Memorial Chapel on Friday, March 29, at 11.45 a.m.

GEORGE.—On March 24, 1985, peacefully after a short illness, NINA, widow of Edward Charles, much loved mother of David and Norman and grandmother. Cremation at Brighton Crematorium, Brighton, on Monday, April 1, at 2.30 p.m. Flowers to Bernard & Sons Ltd., 90, Sackville Road, Hove. No letters, please.

GIBB.—On Monday, March 25, JANET MAUD FLORENCE, died peacefully in hospital, dear mother of Heather and Christopher and grandmother of Susan, Dominique, Philip, Nicholas and Christopher. Funeral at Portchester Crematorium on Tuesday, April 2, at 3.30 p.m. No flowers by request.

GILBERT. — On March 24, LINTON GEORGE FREDERICK GILBERT, dearly loved husband of Eileen, dear father of Pat and Derek and a loving grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral service and cremation at York Crematorium, Thursday, March 28, at 2 p.m. Family flowers only.

GILMOUR. — On March 21, 1985, ESTHER MARY (née Lawton), beloved wife of Stephen and mother of Shona and Sarah. Funeral service to be held at St Joseph the Worker, Hatton, Brentwood, Essex, on Friday, March 29, at 2.15 p.m.

GLIKSTEN. — On Sunday, March 24, in New South Wales, Australia, as the result of a tragic accident, JEREMY DAVID, aged 20, beloved son of MICHAEL and KATY GLIKSTEN, brother to Jonathan and Francesca, grandson of Eileen. Funeral in Australia. Donations, if desired to the Ethiopia Disaster Emergency Committee, P.O. Box 999, London EC3V 6HF.

GODDARD. — On March 24, peacefully in her sleep at 1, King Edwards Avenue, Gloucester, LILLIAN JULIA, aged 99 years. Private cremation, no flowers by request.

GRANT. — On March 24, suddenly at Queen Elizabeth Military Hospital, Woolwich, Col Dennis WILLIAM (Mike) GRANT, late Royal Artillery (Ret'd), very dearly loved husband of Peggy, father of Mike and Jo and grandfather of Johanne. Funeral service at 11 a.m., March 28, at St Mary's, Standard, near Wrotham, Kent. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Cancer Research, c/o Viner & Sons Ltd., West Malling, Kent.

GRAY. — On March 25, 1985, ARTHUR GRAY, M.M., of Wordingham. Peace at last.

GURR.—On March 25, 1985, CHARLOTTE (Lottie), dearly loved sister of Marjorie. Funeral service at the Bethesda Home, Hove, on Tuesday, April 2, at 11 a.m. followed by interment at Hove Cemetery.

HADLOW.—On March 25, 1985, at home and after a long illness, E. J. (Ted) HADLOW, aged 75 years, beloved husband of Iris and much loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral service at Morton Parish Church, on Friday, March 29, at 9.30 a.m., followed by cremation at Grantham Crematorium, at 10.50 a.m.

HALES.—On March 25, 1985, suddenly at his home, 16, Ash Drive, Penkon-le-Fylde, SIDNEY ALFRED (Pip), dearly loved husband of Joan, loving father of Anthony and daughter-in-law Linda, much loved grandpa of Sarah, David, Michael and Robert. Service and interment at Singleton Parish Church, near Blackpool, on Friday, 1.30 p.m.

HAMMOND.—On March 24, 1985, DORIS LILIAN, aged 84 years, wife of Stanley, of Clacton-on-Sea, formerly of Brentwood, Essex. Cremation at Colchester on Tuesday, April 2, at 3.30 p.m. No flowers, but donations to the Guide Dogs for the Blind, would be appreciated.

HANCOCK.—On March 25, peacefully, in hospital, GEOFFREY MABERLEY HANCOCK, of Ashtead, Surrey, O.B.E., deeply mourned by Honor, Peter, Mary, Sara and Jane. Service at 3 p.m. April 1, at Fairoak Vale Crematorium.

HAZELL.—On March 16, 1985, suddenly in Spain, HARRY CLYDE, dear husband of Vera (née Harrap), loving father and grandfather. Funeral on Friday, March 29, 11.30 a.m., at Southampton Crematorium, Southend. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to R.N.L.I., c/o Stibbards & Son, 1036, London Road, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex.

HEWELL.—On March 20, at King Edward VII, Midhurst, THEO HUGH, A.F.C., last surviving son of Frederick and Winifred, late Frinton-on-Sea, beloved husband of Margaret, Natural time (Irish). Please, no letters.

HEARNSHAW. — On March 24, CHARLES RAYMOND, of Crimewood, Sevenoaks, formerly of P. & O. S.N. Company. Funeral at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium, Thursday, March 28, at 4.30 p.m. No flowers, please, but donations, if desired, to Mr Hodson, Sevenoaks 454457.

HEATHFIELD. — On March 23, 1985, SYLVIA, aged 84 years, widow of Frank, dear mother of Sybil (deceased) Peter and Diane and grandmother of Sarah and Gillian. Funeral service at Chelsham Parish Church, on Monday, April 1, at 2.15 p.m. Flowers, please, or donations, if desired, to Christian Aid, c/o 1, Portnalls Road, Coulsdon, Surrey.

CARTER. — On March 24, peacefully at St Anthony's Hospital, Northampton, HARRY ERNEST of Chesham, Bucks, much loved sister, sister-in-law and aunt.

CARTER.—On March 25, in Salisbury, MARJORIE, very dear mother of Pam and grandmother of Sally and Hugh. Thanksgiving service at Alderbury Parish Church on Tuesday, April 2, at 2 p.m. Family flowers only. If desired, donations for the Salisbury Hospice Fund, c/o H. A. Harold & Son Ltd., 77, Estcourt Road, Salisbury, tel. 21171.

CATON. — On March 24, 1985, at Newick House, Rottingdean, Sussex, THOMAS DOUGLAS CATON, formerly of Dean Court Road, Rottingdean. R.I.P.

CHAMBLIN.—On March 24, suddenly in St Albans City Hospital, Marion, wife of Frank. Funeral West Herts Crematorium, Garston, 12.30 p.m., Friday, March 29. Cut flowers or donations to British Red Cross, 9 Seymour Mews, 26, Marlborough Road, St. Albans.

CHITTENDEN.—On March 20, 1985, suddenly at his home in Oxford, NORMAN F., beloved husband of Joyce, loving father of Delia and Hilary and dear grandfather. Funeral service at St John's Chapel, Oxford Crematorium, Headington, on Friday, March 29, at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, for the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association, c/o Reeves & Pain, 288, Abingdon Road, Oxford.

COCKBURN.—On March 25, peacefully after a long illness at the Villa Maria private Nursing Home, Wanstead, wife of the late Dr Douglas Cockburn. Funeral service at Cricklewood Crematorium, Tuesday, April 2, at 3.30 p.m. Flowers to J. R. Shakespeare Ltd., 65, Gordon Street, Gosforth.

COLDREY.—On March 20, 1985, Eric Arthur, M.D., F.R.C.S., aged 77.

CRAWFORD JONES.—On March 24, 1985, in Cuckfield Hospital, ERIC HEARD, aged 77, of Horsham, Sussex, dear husband of Mabel and father of Merlin. Funeral service at the Sussex Oak Crematorium, Worth, on Friday, March 29, at 3.30 p.m. At Rosarth's Chapel, Horsham, flowers only, or donations, if desired, to The Roman Heart Foundation, c/o Masters & Son, 90, High Street, Lindfield, Sussex RH16 2HN.

CROSSLEY.—On March 23, peacefully after a long illness, BARBARA MARGARET, of Ashtead, Surrey, formerly of Bridgnorth, Salop. Funeral, Ashtead Crematorium, Friday, March 29, at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only, please, but if desired donations to Cancer Research Campaign, c/o Ashtead Pharmacy, 2, Barnett Wood Lane, Ashtead, Surrey.

DAY.—On March 25, suddenly, A. Cameron, aged 85 years, husband of Dorothy, father of John and